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MONTHS OF WORK HITS BUSY ROUTE

BY JACK AVERTY

DRIVERS are set for more than two months of misery because of roadworks on the main route between Hednesford and Rugeley.

Two-way temporary traffic signals are in place on the A460 at the junction of Walkers Rise until the end of March while National Grid Gas replaces old gas mains.

Rugeley councillor Alan Dudson said the work would cause 'massive disruption' on what is an 'extremely busy road' and urged National Grid bosses to get the work done quickly.

He said: "I am not hot happy about the situation, not happy at all. But the fact is, the council do not have any control whatsoever over utilities. They are a rule to themselves.

"These works will cause massive disruption, especially for early morning and late-evening traffic.

"It is an extremely busy road, and I would expect National Grid Gas to do all they can to keep the traffic flowing both ways.

"I also expect them to complete the work as fast as possible."

National Grid Gas is carrying out the gas maintenance work to replace old iron gas mains with more durable plastic pipes for the future.

Essential

The firm apologised for any inconvenience the work would cause motorists but promised to do its best to finish it as soon as possible.

A spokesman said: "It is essential work. We are replacing the existing and ageing iron gas mains with brand new hard-wearing plastic pipes.

"The work will secure safe and reliable gas supplies for local people until the end of the century.

"We are sorry for any inconvenience it causes motorists but we will do our best to complete the work as soon as we can."

Drivers in Cannock will also be hit by problems on the A460 as different work is carried out towards the south of the route.

Two-way signals will again be in place, this time between the junctions with the A5190 and Hayes Way near Stoney Lea.

Staffordshire County Council is carrying out trial hole and investigation works as it looks at how to improve the popular route.

The work will carry on until Friday, January 20.

The Walkers Rise works are scheduled to finish on Friday, March 24.

● Six months of overnight closures on the A449 between Gailey Island and M54 junction two at Coven will last until June 30, according to Highways England. The work will take place from 8pm to 6am on weekdays and weekends, with access to businesses and residential properties 'maintained at all times'.

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LATE PARTY FOR COUPLE'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY

Harold, front left, and Doris, centre, Spanswick with, back left, Tony Hubbard, Christine Wyles, Kelvin Spanswick and, front right, Freda Brookes

A COUPLE celebrated their platinum wedding with family and friends – a year later than planned.

Doris and Harold Spanswick, who married in Norton Canes in December 1945, were unable to fully celebrate 70 years of marriage in 2015 because Doris, 96, was in hospital.

So the couple made up for it with a special celebration at Conifers Nursing Home in Johns Lane, Great Wyrley.

Mrs Spanswick has been cared for by nurses at the home since mid-2016 and her husband lives at their home on School Road, Norton Canes.

Friends, relatives and home staff sung popular songs, including The Anniversary Waltz and It's A Long Way to Tipperary at the party. Their niece, Chris Wyles, said the couple were dear to a lot of people. "They have always been really supportive of all the family," she said. "They brought me up until I was seven, and they have got so many friends it's unbelievable."

She said keen sportsman Harold, now 93, had been regularly playing 18 holes of golf until three years ago, while his wife would often be seen cycling to work at Burntwood Hospital and even as far as Streetly, where she worked in domestic service.

She said: "I think my uncle had to throw the bike away when she got to 75 – he had to literally prise it out of her hands – and sport means everything to Harold.

"That is why he looks so good at 93. It's like Darby and Joan. They very much still love each other. They are so good at the nursing home, they're absolutely fantastic. They did a buffet at 12.30pm and had lots of flowers and cards.

"Then I asked a gentleman I know to play the keyboard and we had some photos taken during the sing-a-long."

Mr Spanswick worked as a coal miner during the Second World War and subsequently had a variety of jobs.

The Spanswicks were married months after the end of the conflict, and five months after Labour Party leader Clement Attlee became the UK's prime minister, replacing Winston Churchill. In the year of their wedding, George Orwell's Animal Farm was published for the first time, along with Brideshead Revisited by Evelyn Waugh.

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PETITION

Hundreds put names to Chase Line protest

MORE than 600 people have signed a petition calling for action to ease overcrowding on Chase Line trains. The petition urges London Midland to put more carriages on trains between Rugeley and Birmingham.

Passengers have complained of severe overcrowding and cancelled trains.

And last month, Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling asked the Government to outline what steps it will take to penalise poor-performing train operators.

The petition says the problems are made worse by a huge increase in seasonal staff at Amazon in Rugeley in the autumn.

RETAIL

Plans for shop to suit a sweet tooth

A NEW dessert shop could be coming to Cannock town centre.

Proposals have been unveiled which would see a former estate agents converted into a branch of Oatcakes and Milkshakes.

The unit in Market Place was previously occupied by Goodchilds Estate Agents & Lettings.

The application was submitted to Cannock Chase Council last month, and a decision will be made in the coming weeks.

FINANCES

Parking charge on way at Chasewater

PARKING charges are set to be introduced at Chasewater this year, Staffordshire Country Council has confirmed.

The authority floated the controversial move in 2015 declaring it needed to claw back around £200,000 a year that it cost to manage parking facilities on its countryside estate portfolio.

It prompted an angry reaction from some quarters including rambling groups who claimed the fees would put people off visiting the beauty spot.

Details about the prices are yet to be confirmed. It is thought they will be similar to those at Cannock Chase.

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Leader tells of pride at 'fabulous' year

Councillor Philip Atkins

THE leader of Staffordshire County Council has expressed his pride at what the last 12 months has brought for the county.

Taking a look back at the year, Councillor Philip Atkins described 2016 as a 'fabulous' 12 months, pointing to the success of Olympians from Staffordshire and the success of the first ever Staffordshire Day.

"We all followed events in Rio with pride as Adam Peaty smashed the world record.

"Joe Clarke made the nation smile with his modesty and Lee Pearson carried the nation's flag in front of the world," Councillor Atkins added.

"It's been a fabulous 12 months, with so many achievements in so many different areas for the county and its residents.

Challenge

"It's only when you stop and take stock that you realise how much work has been done in the last 12 months to help residents with better education, training and job opportunities, and just how much there is to celebrate about the county's past and present – which is why the first-ever Staffordshire Day was so worthwhile.

"The challenge now is to continue investing in our future so that we can carry on showing the world what we can do."

Councillor Atkins has also had a year to remember on a personal note.

In November, he attended Buckingham Palace where he received an OBE from the Queen in recognition of his services to local government.

A farmer from Rocester, he has been a parish, district and county councillor for more than 30 years.

Police pursuits end with driver arrests

A DRIVER rammed a 4x4 into a police patrol vehicle and another fled armed officers in two dramatic chases that unfolded across the region.

The black 4x4 hit the police car in Cannock before leading officers on a five-mile pursuit, which came to an end in Stafford. The driver carried on even after police had put two stinger devices down.

The drama unfolded on Friday when Staffordshire Police officers sent out to search for a 'high-risk' missing person in Cannock were confronted by the driver of the 4x4. Shortly afterwards the 4x4 struck the patrol car and sped away. The vehicle was later spotted by a different patrol team on the A34 towards Stafford.

A pursuit began, with officers following the 4x4 towards the town centre when the driver of the vehicle refused to stop. The chase ended near St George's Hospital in the town at around 9.30pm.

Tyres

A police spokeswoman said: "It started in Cannock when we were looking for a high-risk missing person.

"The driver was male. He rammed a police car in Cannock with two police officers inside it. They are OK, thankfully.

"The vehicle was located again by police travelling along the A34 Cannock Road towards Stafford and a pursuit began when the car failed to stop for police.

"The pursuit went through Stafford where on two occasions it was stung but continued to drive without any tyres."

Stafford's policing team tweeted images of the 4x4 involved showing its front tyres completely shredded, with one wheel almost stripped to its drum.

A man has been arrested on suspicion of dangerous driving, possession of cannabis, driving under the influence of cannabis and taking a motor vehicle without consent. He has been bailed.

In another incident, a burglary suspect fled from armed police in a stolen car.

The keys to the red Volvo estate had been taken by someone who broke into a home in Dudley on Saturday. Officers caught up with the suspect but he ignored their demands to pull over. Eventually, officers managed to put a stop to the fleeing driver in the middle of a field in Droitwich.

Teenagers caught cycling on M6 Toll

Motorway police saw these bicycles being ridden along the M6 Toll

TWO teenage cyclists were stopped by traffic police as they rode along the M6 Toll.

It was the second time in two days that officers from the Central Motorway Police Group (CMPG) had stopped cyclists riding along motorways at night.

The cyclists, who were stopped near Lichfield at 10pm last Tuesday, were uninjured but were warned about their further conduct on the roads. It is illegal for bikes to be used on motorways.

A Staffordshire Police spokesman said: "Our colleagues at CMPG frequently come across individuals who are undertaking unsafe actions on the motorway network.

"They employ a proportionate response for any incident and in this case they spoke to the individuals and ensured that they were safely taken off the motorway and allowed to continue their journey.

"In this case, the safety of the individuals was paramount – rather than any crime being committed."

The previous day, officers stopped a cyclist who was riding along with no lights, no helmet and no reflective clothes at 11pm on the M54, prompting CMPG to tweet: "No lights, no helmet, no reflective gear, no brakes, no brains."

In May, a 52-year-old man died after his bicycle was hit by a car on the M3, and in March a cyclist who was filmed riding his bike along the M25 as he tried to get to Heathrow Airport at 6am was fined £50.All bicycles, pedestrians and horse riders are banned from motorways under Rule 253 of the Highway Code.

A second officer at council is suspended

A SECOND senior officer at Staffordshire County Council has been suspended following an investigation.

The authority confirmed that Jamie MacDonald, head of strategic property, has been sent home on full pay pending further inquiries.

The move comes less than a month since Lisa Cartwright, the council's head of human resources, was suspended. The council says the two matters are not linked.

Mr MacDonald

Mr MacDonald, who joined the council in 2008, is also a director of Penda Property Partnership, a joint venture company set up between Kier and the council.

He and his department are said to be responsible for transforming the way council property is managed, establishing a corporate landlord approach and mapping the public estate.

He is one of the figures behind the council's money-saving initiative for public bodies to share offices.

Councillor Ian Parry, the council's deputy leader and cabinet member for corporate matters, said: "Suspension is a neutral act that protects the employee and any other interested parties so that further investigations can take place."

The authority confirmed on December 7 that Lisa Cartwright, who has been head of HR since October 2011, had been suspended.

Drop-in meetings for socialising

PEOPLE with Alzheimer's or dementia, their carers, families and friends have an opportunity to meet and socialise at monthly events.

The MASE (Monthly Alzheimer's Support Evening) sessions are free to attend, and include drinks, a buffet, raffle, and musical entertainment.

There is a drop-in on the first Monday in the month from 1.30 to 3pm at St Luke's Church Hall, Cannock; the second Thursday, 7-9pm, at Haughton Village Hall; third Wednesday, 7-9pm, St Joseph's Church Hall, Rugeley; last Thursday, 7-9pm, Aquarius Ballroom, Hednesford; fourth Monday, 7-9pm, Castle Church Hall, Stafford.

For more information, call Daphne on 01785 211140 or Elaine on 01785 823110 or visit www.themasegroup.com

Walking football sessions to begin

WALKING FOOTBALL sessions are set to start at a community leisure centre.

Penkridge Leisure Centre will host the sessions on its 3G football pitch, starting on Monday, January 9, at 6pm.

For more information, or to book a session, call 01785 714152.

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Rest rooms for hospital staff used as wards

FRONTLINE staff at Walsall Manor Hospital are losing rest rooms as health trust bosses look to make space for more beds for patients.

An employee has branded the decision to take away the facilities as 'disgusting'.

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust has confirmed that the conversions are taking place to create five extra single rooms to help meet increasing demand for services at the hospital, particularly during the winter.

The changes were revealed by a staff member, who asked to remain anonymous. They said: "I know that there is a shortage of beds, but it's not really fair on us to get rid of these staff rooms.

"I think it's disgusting. And I notice that none of the staff rooms in the corporate part of the hospital are getting converted."

Staff have been advised that they can use the hospital's restaurant, outside space and some remaining rest rooms on other wards instead.

Mark Sinclair, the trust's lead director for estates and facilities, said: "We are always looking at ways of making the best use possible of the space available, working with staff to do so.

"We have converted some unused clinical areas that were being used as staff rest rooms, and some office space, to help create extra capacity for patients, allowing us to provide five extra side rooms across our general medical wards.

"We'd like to thank staff for their patience," Mr Sinclair added.

Pupils invited to sing again

A GREAT WYRLEY school has been invited back to a retirement home after dozens of pupils performed a special carol concert for residents.

A total of 27 pupils from Landywood Primary, in Holly Lane, visited Oak House, a retirement living complex in Great Wyrley.

And the audience were so happy with their special treat that the choir has now been invited back.

Headteacher Andrew Clewer said: "Our children really enjoyed performing to the residents and seeing all their happy faces during the carols.

"Working within the local community is very important for our pupils.

"The residents made us feel very welcome and invited us back next Christmas," Mr Clewer added.

Sappers to hold first meeting of new year

THE Cannock branch of the Royal Engineers Association hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday at 8pm.

The venue is the Drill Hall, in Walsall Road, Bridgtown. All Sappers are welcome to attend. Call 01543 423319.

Theme park a clean winner at loo awards

The best – toilets at Drayton Manor

DRAYTON Manor Park has been rewarded for its customer service – with two Loo of the Year Awards.

The theme park won Loo of the Year for having the best 'away from home toilets' in the UK in both the National Category for Leisure, and National Category for Heritage. The loos judged were Thomas Land, Air Race and the Zoo.

The Loo of the Year Awards has been identifying the best in Britain since 1987 and is recognised as the standard setter.

Every entry received an unannounced visit from an inspector and was assessed against the specific criteria, including signage, décor, fixtures, fittings and overall standards of cleanliness and management.

Recognition

Every loo then receives a grade ranging from bronze to platinum, with gold and platinum winners being shortlisted for the awards.

William Bryan, managing director at Drayton Manor Park, said: "We are extremely proud of this award as cleanliness and keeping up to standards is something we pride ourselves on, and to get recognition for it is fantastic.

"To win two different categories, amongst thousands of entries, is really testament to the hard working team we have here, who ensure the attraction is up to scratch so that families have the best possible time with us."

For updates and news about Drayton Manor Park join it on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Draytonmanor and Facebook at www.facebook.com/DraytonManorPark

School joy at moving up to 'good' rating

STAFF and pupils at a Burntwood school are celebrating after an Ofsted inspection saw them move up a grade to receive a 'good' rating.

It was the culmination of two years' hard work for Highfields Primary School, which had previously been told it 'required improvement'.

Inspectors spent two days at the school in Elder Lane observing lessons, talking with staff and pupils and seeking the views of parents.

The school, which has nearly 200 pupils, has made significant changes since it was last inspected in July 2014 such as restructuring the governing body and taking on five new teachers. Headteacher Mark Wilkes said the latest result reflected the 'hard work and dedication' of everyone in the school community.

"The staff and governors have worked relentlessly to ensure that the school provides the education that the pupils deserve, and I couldn't be more proud of their achievements," he said. The Ofsted report describes senior leaders and governors as 'demonstrating clear ambition' for what they want the pupils to achieve.

Encourage

Lead inspector Jeremy Bird said: "Senior and subject leaders have worked together to develop and implement a curriculum which engages and motivates children well. Pupils achieve well, particularly in reading and writing." The school's initiative to promote a love of reading was also reflected in the report.

Mr Bird said: "Pupils understand why there is a drive from leaders and staff to encourage all pupils to read more often for pleasure and understanding. The school environment promotes the importance of reading well.

"Pupils were asked to take the inspectors to their favourite place in the school – the library was their first choice."

Teachers and teaching assistants were praised for their 'secure subject knowledge'.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare of pupils was recognised as a strength. Pupils enjoyed their learning because the curriculum encouraged them to explore their own interest. As a result, it was noted, disruption in lessons was rare as pupils wanted to get on with their work. The report said that to get to the next level the school needed to continue to focus on developing reasoning in mathematics and ensuring the attainment and progress of boys matches that of the girls.

Slimming World consultants Kierston Kelly and Julie Pearse meet television presenter Stephen Mulhern

TV star praises 'magic touch'

TWO slimming consultants from Cannock have 'the magic touch' when it comes to weight loss, according to TV's Stephen Mulhern.

Kierston Kelly and Julie Pearse were delighted to get a chance to meet him at the Slimming World Awards in Birmingham, which he co-hosted with the organisation's founder and chair Margaret Miles-Bramwell.

Kierston, who runs a group at the Senior Citizens Centre in Great Wyrley every Tuesday, said: "I couldn't be prouder of our members. They've lost fantastic amounts of weight throughout 2016.

Stephen, who presents Catchphrase, Britain's Got More Talent and Big Star's Little Stars, said: "I'm known for my magic tricks, and there was definitely magic in the air. People like Kierston and Julie are clearly very important."

Julie, who runs a group at Cheslyn Hay Working Men's Club on Thursdays, said: "Lots of people will be making resolutions to lose weight.

"I'd love anyone who's thinking about losing weight this January to join us."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Five held after car and van in crash

FOUR men and a youth were arrested after a collision in Cannock.

Police tried to stop a Vauxhall Corsa in Stafford Road at 8.10pm last Tuesday and it then struck a Ford Transit near the White Lion pub.

A 17-year-old and a 21-year-old, both from Wolverhampton, and an 18-year-old from Birmingham were arrested on suspicion of theft.

An 18-year-old from Wolverhampton was arrested on suspicion of taking a car without consent. All four were released on bail.

A 20-year-old from Wolverhampton received a conditional caution for possession of cannabis.

Claims calls and texts set to soar

MORE calls and texts from claims management companies encouraging people to make personal injury claims will reach 'epidemic' proportions under government plans, lawyers say.

Neil Sugarman, president of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers, said: "Brace yourself to be inundated.

"The Government's plan is to force vast numbers of injured people through the small claims court, which is designed for people to represent themselves. This is a business opportunity for claims management companies, who will tout for claims."

Business festival date announced

LET'S Do Business 2017 – billed as Staffordshire's largest business exhibition – will be held on Thursday, June 26 at Uttoxeter Racecourse, the organisers have announced.

Hundreds of delegates from a broad range of business sectors are expected to attend the event, which is staged by chambers of commerce based in the county. Raising funds for Age UK, it is also designed to put Staffordshire on the map as 'the place to come to do business'.

Drama group getting set for Ali Baba panto

A DRAMA group is gearing up for its pantomime Ali Baba next week.

Stonnall Players is presenting its comic version of the famous tale at Stonnall Village Hall in Main Street on January 12, 13 and 14, all starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets for the show are £7 for adults, £3 children.

They are available by calling 07516 274765, emailing stonnallplayers@gmail.com or visiting stonnallplayers.moonfruit.com/

New season for Men

MEN of Burntwood begin their 2017 season of monthly meetings with a visit from local author and short-story writer David Cousland on January 11. The meeting, at St Matthews Sports & Social Club in St Matthew's Road, Burntwood, starts at 7.45pm. For details call Vince on 01543 682448.

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FLICKING idly through The Boys' Book of Airfix. Watching the DVD of Swallows and Amazons. Sipping a chilled cocktail of sloe gin and bubbly. Whatever they tell you, the real joy of presents is in the receiving.

AN old friend and I usually exchange drinkable Xmas gifts so I was surprised to get two parcels from him this year, one containing a belt with a particularly fiddly and irritating buckle. A note explained: "I bought two of these and they are rubbish, so you can have one." It is, as they say, the thought that counts.

THE year ends, as it began, with a furious row about how much foreign aid Britain sends to relatively wealthy countries or states run by despots. Here's a simple way forward. Let's agree that not a penny of UK aid goes to any country with either a nuclear industry or a space programme. As for the world's dictators who seem to use our money to buy themselves huge limousines, let's at least cut out the middle men and send the money directly to Mercedes-Benz.

AT last, an optimist in the ranks of the elite breaks cover. Did you not punch the air with joy to hear the former Bank of England Governor, Lord Mervyn King, speaking of the good things that leaving the EU will bring? While not dismissing the difficulties, he declared: "There are many opportunities and I think we should look at it in a much more self-confident way than either side is approaching it at present. Being out of what is a pretty unsuccessful European Union – particularly in the economic sense – gives us opportunities as well as obviously great political difficulties." Too many pundits assume that Britain is a spent force which needs the EU for support. The reverse is true. Look around you. Britain has a workforce of 32 million and the fifth biggest economy in the world. We are a huge, busy and potent nation whose power and influence have been limited by a failed 40-year experiment in being governed from Brussels. As that nice Mr Blair put it, things can only get better. And this time it's true.

PS: Just between you and me, I still fear that when we are finally declared to be Out of the EU, it will look suspiciously like In.

'TIS the season to flog furniture. Here's a party game designed to make the most of those infuriating, interminable end-of-year adverts for sideboards, carpets and whatever. Taking turns, each player has 30 seconds with the TV remote-control. The aim, switching between the commercial-TV ad breaks, is to see how many times you can catch the word "sofa."

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Queen's honours for local heroes

FROM community heroes to sporting stars – people from across Staffordshire were recognised in the Queen's New Year's Honours List.

In an Olympic year, it was fitting that two of the county's sporting champions received honours.

Paralympic equestrian star Lee Pearson, from Staffordshire Moorlands, will become Sir Lee after he was knighted. The 42-year-old returned home triumphant from Rio after adding gold from the individual freestyle grade 1b and silver in individual dressage to his golds in Beijing and London.

Meanwhile, fellow Rio gold medallist Joe Clarke was awarded an MBE for services to canoeing. The 24-year-old from Stone won Olympic gold in the men's slalom K1.

Staffordshire swimming phenomenon Adam Peaty, who broke a world record in the 100m breaststroke in Rio, was awarded an MBE.

Another new MBE is Karen Ross, from Aldridge – the mother of teenager Rosie Ross, who was killed aged 16 while on a shopping trip with a friend in Birmingham, in 2001.

Mrs Ross started the charity Rosie's Helping Hands with her husband Sean to turn the grief of losing their daughter into something positive. After raising £450,000, the 56-year-old will be awarded an MBE for her services to charity.

After more than 52 years of dedication to the leisure industry, Drayton Manor Park chief executive Colin Bryan received an OBE.

Stafford man Keith Bott, director of Staffordshire's Titanic Brewery, awarded an MBE.

Care home again told it needs to improve

By Jack Averty

A HEDNESFORD care home, which looks after elderly patients suffering with dementia, has been told by the health watchdog it is failing.

Marquis Court care home, also known as Windsor House, in Littleworth Road, has been rated 'requires improvement' by the Care Quality commission.

The home, which looks after more than 40 patients, some with dementia, was also rated 'requires improvement' in 2015 with the CQC noting then that 'some improvements had been made' but 'further action was still needed'.

Among the failings found when inspectors visited the home on November 22 was the unsafe storage of medicines and the lack of a manager. A report prepared after the visit said: "We saw that medicines which were no longer needed were not stored securely.

Confident

"Medicines prescribed on an 'as required' basis, for example for pain relief, were not always recorded accurately." The report added that 'there was no registered managed at the service'. However, an acting manager was in place who had begun the process to be registered and recognised by the CQC.

The watchdog rated the home's safety, effectiveness, responsiveness and leadership as 'requires improvement'. Its level of caring was 'good'.

A spokesman for Four Seasons Healthcare, which runs the home, said: "The inspectors said that people felt safe living in the home and their relatives were confident they were well cared for.

"Residents told the inspectors that they liked living in the home. All the relatives the inspectors spoke with told them that the staff were kind and caring and treated people with respect.

"Since the inspection the manager has continued with a programme of improvements to meet these requirements," the spokesman added.

Dancing pair's diamond celebration

John and June Edwards from Gladstone Road, Heath Hayes, celebrate their diamond wedding

THEY are a loving couple who met on a Cannock dance floor and believe speaking their minds has been vital to their successful 60-year marriage.

John and June Edwards, who celebrated their diamond wedding last month, are as in love today as they were then they married in 1956.

John, aged 81, said: "We met at a dance in Cannock – that was the main thing to do back in those days. She is a very pretty woman, and she was back then, so I decided to approach her. I had to pester her a little bit to get a date but I am glad I did."

The pair began courting, going to dances and watching films together. John added: "I felt that after about six months or a year that this could be a serious relationship, we got on very well. We met in 1953 and got engaged on Christmas Eve a year later, we had been courting on and off but it felt right." John admits he feared the worst when June was late to arrive for their wedding at Cannock Church on December 22, 1956.

He said: "I was waiting at the altar and June was running late because the driver had forgot to go back and pick her up after dropping me.

"I didn't know at the time and I must admit I did start to panic, but we had a great day in the end."

June, 83, says the pair get on as well as they ever have and praised her husband for his support during a tough year in which she battled cancer.

She said: "John has really been there for me and I don't know what I would do without him."

The couple's wedding day

Villagers to meet over plans for super-hub

VILLAGERS in Essington are to hold a public meeting next week as they continue to battle to block plans for a freight firm's super-hub in the village.

DX Freight wants to combine its two current bases in the Black Country into one larger scale premises in South Staffordshire.

Residents thought that their fight was over last year when DX Freight's plans were rejected by South Staffordshire District Council planning bosses.

However, as well as appealing against the original decision, bosses at the freight firm have submitted revised and scaled down plans for the hub.

United

The firm has said that if it cannot have this site in Essington – a former brickworks off Hobnock Road – then it will move the operation, currently based in Willenhall, out of the Black Country and into Coventry or Rugby, putting 550 jobs at risk.

In response to the new plans, a public meeting is being held on Thursday, January 12, at Essington Community Centre starting at 7.30pm.

Councillor David Clifft, a South Staffordshire councillor and the chairman of Essington Parish Council, has arranged the meeting. He said: "In all my years as a councillor I haven't seen the village so united in a single cause to stop DX destroying their community and away of life."

Fire figures one of first approved

STAFFORDSHIRE Fire and Rescue Authority is among a minority of authorities to have its accounts approved well in advance of a deadline.

The Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA), an independent company, has released the results of its findings for 2015-16. In total, 31 fire and rescue authorities, 357 councils, 76 police bodies and 33 other local government organisations were asked to submit their financial records.

Forty nine organisations, including Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Authority, provided accounts for sign-off at the earliest opportunity, last July, two months before the September 30 deadline. The auditors looked at factors including timelines, quality of financial reporting and value for money before approving the accounts.

Cottage is to make way for new home

A COTTAGE will be demolished and replaced by a house and garage after planning permission was granted.

Walsall Council approved work for the new four-bedroom detached house and detached double garage and store in Watling Street, Brownhills.

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Deadline is looming for school applications

TIME is running out for parents to get their primary school applications in before this month's deadline.

Last year, the county council offered nine out of 10 parents their first choice primary school, despite rises in pupil numbers putting pressure on school places. A total of 98 per cent were allocated one of their top three preferred schools.

Now, parents who have not yet applied for primary school places are being urged to get their applications in to ensure they have the best chance of being allocated one of their preferred school places.

County Councillor Ben Adams, cabinet member for learning and skills, said: "In Staffordshire we have a fantastic track record of allocating parents' preferences for both primary and secondary schools. Even so, we need parents to help us by getting their applications in as soon as possible.

"With rising birth rates and new housing developments getting under way across the county, there is pressure on school places.

"We are well placed to cope with this extra demand as we have an extensive school building and expansion programme in place, ensuring schools have enough capacity to cope with increasing demand, and parents still have a choice when it comes to their child's education."

Primary school applications close on January 15.

For more information, visit www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Homes on car site approved

PLANS for more than a dozen homes at the site of a former car dealership in Chasetown have been approved.

Freeman Holdings submitted a proposal to build 14 properties in Queen Street in March 2015.

The plot formerly housed the Acorn car dealership and repair garage, which was bulldozed three years ago.

Residents had raised various concerns about the plans along with bosses at the Cottage of Content.

The pub's management had claimed the new residents would use its car park because of a lack of spaces and queried whether the new homes would be soundproofed from the pub's various entertainment nights.

The plans were approved by Lichfield District Council.

Thieves target tools left in van

TOOLS were stolen from a van parked in Alwyn Close, Great Wyrley.

The incident happened between 11.30pm on Wednesday, December 21 and 6am the following day. Anyone with information should call 101.

Hundreds of dogs to compete for title

More than 200 breeds will compete

MORE than 9,000 dogs are to descend on Staffordshire this month for the popular Manchester Championship Dog Show.

The show, held at Staffordshire County Showground in Stafford from Monday, January 19 to Thursday, January 22, will see more than 200 British and Irish native dog breeds compete for a chance to qualify for Crufts.

The pedigree dogs taking part will be judged on a number of factors in the ring, including temperament and that they are fit, healthy and happy dogs that are good examples of their breed, as they compete for the ultimate Best in Show prize.

The show is one of the largest gatherings of dogs in the UK and will see rare British and Irish breeds competing, such as the Field Spaniel, Bloodhound, Lancashire Heeler, Mastiff, Irish Red & White Setter and Lakeland Terrier.

In addition to breed judging, the show is holding Kennel Club Good Citizen Training Scheme bronze award obedience testing, so visitors can watch a range of events and find out more about the different activities that dogs can get involved in.

Paul Harding, secretary of the show, said: "Ours is a very popular show, and naturally we are very proud of that fact.

"Being centrally located in Staffordshire, the show is very popular with visitors and brings thousands of dog lovers to the area each year," he added.

"We are expecting this year's show to be bigger and better than ever."

Admission to the show is free, as is car parking.

Pitmen player speaks out over failed fund

A HEDNESFORD TOWN player has spoken out over a failed investment scheme linked to ex-Wolves star Michael McIndoe.

David McDermott lost £140,000 along with friends and family in the fund run by the former Molineux man.

Now aged 28, he says it has taken him nearly six years to recover and get his life back on track since the scheme suddenly stopped in 2011 and his playing career nosedived. In the end, he suffered badly after stress brought on a stomach complaint.

McDermott

McDermott, who made his debut for Walsall at 16, says the ill-fated scheme cost him fame, fortune and his professional career. He and other young footballers from clubs across the country were introduced to the Scottish midfielder at lavish beach parties in Marbella in around 2010. "We were 21 and we looked up to him," said Stourbridge-born McDermott.

"He had a successful career and was making all this money. We took his word as gospel." It was in Marbella that they were made aware of an investment fund headed by McIndoe.

Dozens of professional footballers are understood to have lost millions of pounds in the scheme that promised a 20 per cent return on investments after a month.

But McDermott, who now plays for the Pitmen in the Evo-Stik Northern Premier League, is the only one who will talk publicly about it.

"He was networking." he said. "People saw the money and they were like 'Flipping heck, let's get involved'." McDermott, relatives and friends put their savings into the scheme while others took out bank loans. "When I came back from Marbella, four or five months later he phoned up one day and said 'They've stopped it and pulled the plug on it'."

McDermott at the time was playing for York City after a spell at Kidderminster Harriers. He had been working outside of football before a spell at Redditch United led to him being signed by the Pitmen.

McIndoe was made bankrupt in 2014. Court documents showed he owed 17 people in the region of £3.5 million. Scotland Yard has launched an investigation into the scheme.

There is no suggestion those who put money into the scheme were anything other than genuine investors. McIndoe was unavailable for comment and is believed to be living abroad.

Teenage passenger killed in smash

The scene of the crash in which Cannock teenager Travis Jones, inset, was killed

POLICE have named a teenager who died in a road accident on New Year's Day.

Travis Jones, 18, of Cannock was the front-seat passenger in a grey Honda Civic that struck trees at Pillaton near Penkridge.

Despite the efforts of passers-by and medical staff from West Midlands Ambulance Service, he was pronounced dead at the scene.

In a statement, his family said: "Travis will be loved and missed by all his family and friends".

Specialist officers are supporting the family, who have asked for privacy while they come to terms with their loss.

The incident happened at 9.40pm on the B5012 just after the hump back bridge in the direction of Cannock, before the Mansty Lane turn. Officers have appealed for anyone who saw the collision or who saw the car before the crash to contact Staffordshire Police on 101 quoting incident 789 of 1 January 2017 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

People reacted with shock on social media. Becca Keeling said on Facebook: "What a horrible start to 2017 for this poor family."

Police have not indicated what led to the crash but others said the route is dangerous. Gill Clarson posted: "So sad, but this is a horrible road and I've seen quite a few accidents on this stretch."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Plea over perfume stolen in shop raid

POLICE investigating a shop burglary are asking anyone who is offered perfumes for sale to contact them.

Boots No7 perfumes and other products worth more than £2,500 were taken during the raid. Officers were alerted in the early hours after windows at the store had been smashed.

"We believe that the intruders made off in a vehicle that had been parked outside the store," a police spokesman said.

The incident happened at Boots the Chemist in Uttoxeter. Anyone with information should call 101 and quote incident 65 of December 28 or contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Showcase concert tribute to Stephen

A SHOWCASE concert staged by Burntwood MoMo Academy of Drama raised £670 for the Teenage Cancer Trust in memory of local teenager Stephen Sutton.

The children, aged four to 14, chose the charity themselves. The show included acting, singing and dancing.

Jane Sutton, Stephen's mother, attended the event and gave a speech at the end.

Nicola Morris, who runs the academy, said: "The children were simply amazing and I was so proud of them

Pet workshops for 250 children

PETS at Home in Cannock is celebrating after educating 250 future owners during 2016 on how to care for pets responsibly.

The Cannock store offers free and interactive workshops, mainly during school holidays, which help teach children how rewarding pets can be and how to care for them.

Store manager Joseph Whitaker said: "It's been a privilege to meet so many local children this year and teach them." Visit petsathome.com/

App designed to keep youngsters safe online

PARENTS are being urge to download a mobile game on smartphones and tablets, given to their children as presents, to help keep them safe online.

The Kash Dash app provides safety advice from organisations including The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre, Safer Internet Centre and the Facebook Safety Centre. Asikgned to keep children safe

The game can be downloaded for free on Android and Apple via http://bit.ly/kashdash or by searching Kash Dash on the online stores.

Bound for Barlaston

CHASE Ramblers' walk this Sunday, January 8, is an eight-mile moderate walk from Barlaston, Stone. The meeting point as usual is Hednesford railway station car park, in Anglesey Street, for a 9am prompt departure. For further details call Rob on 07954 170369. New walkers are welcome.

IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

Shutting shop on spirit of Christmas

THERE is a great story about legendary Wolverhampton shopkeeper William Snape, who kept the famous tea and coffee emporium opposite this newspaper's office in Queen Street.

One Christmas Eve, sometime around the late 19th century, Mr Snape's assistant, a young boy called Albert, asked if there would be any chance of finishing work early. It was Christmas after all.

Mr Snape paused for thought, and asked the youngster if everywhere was tidy? Albert insisted it was.

"I don't think so," replied the boss as he took a flying kick at a bag of coffee beans, scattering them all over the floor.

Now I'm sure we're all glad those sort of employment practices are a thing of the past. However, I can't help but think that a bit of no-nonsense Victorian discipline wouldn't go amiss on a shop assistant I encountered over Christmas.

Now, admittedly 5.53pm on Christmas Eve is a bit last-minute. Well last seven minutes actually, but you get the point. However, the sign in the window said the shop – a very well-known high street retailer – would be open until 6pm, so why would you doubt it?

Eventually, a grey-haired lady came to the door with the greeting: "What's the problem?"

I pointed to the sign saying open until 6pm, and she replied: "You don't want to take any notice of that, it's Christmas Eve." I suggested it might be a good idea to advertise the correct opening times, and that it was rather poor service.

Grey-haired lady replied: "It's Christmas Eve, we've got families to be with, so on yer bike." And a happy new year to you, madam.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Stourbridge FC for making football history as the lowest-ranked club to reach the third-round of the FA Cup.

Manager Gary Hackett has criticised the major broadcasters for overlooking his team's achievement, prompting optician Mark Moran to contact me with a solution.

"Can you run a story about a Stourbridge-born optician who is offering free specs to BBC staff to help correct their short-sightedness?" he asks.

He suggests rose-tinted lenses for Alan Shearer, Gary Linker and Ian Wright over the way they wax lyrical about big-money sides like Chelsea.

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SPRING will see the launch of the new 12-sided £1 coin, designed by Walsall schoolboy David Pearce, and the old coin will cease to be legal tender in October.

Now have a look through your change. How many shiny new £1 coins are there that have that have been minted in the past year or so? And they will all be melted down by the autumn. It's a good thing the country is awash with money, isn't it?

The mammoth Carsington Water reservoir in Derbyshire

The Elan Valley reservoir serves the Midlands

Lake Vyrnwy with its stone-built dam, built in the 1880s

Water way to tap into a precious resource

There is much, much more to Severn Trent Water than the stuff that comes out of your tap, as TOBY NEAL explains

GLUG, glug, glug. All that work, all that effort – and all down the drain!

But as these stunning images show, there is much more to Severn Trent Water than the stuff that comes out of your tap.

It is an operation that stretches from the valleys and reservoirs of mid Wales, to not far short of the North Sea – Scunthorpe to be precise – on the other side of the British mainland, and as far south as the Bristol Channel.

It involves buildings and structures of beauty and distinction, and some other buildings and structures where aesthetics play second fiddle to functionality.

Severn Trent has released the photos to update its portfolio of corporate images and to bring home the range of its work, showing off its key assets across its vast patch including reservoirs, water treatment works, sewage treatment works, and anaerobic digestion plants.

Spectacular

Those reservoirs are spectacular features of the Welsh landscape blending so smoothly with nature that you might almost forget they are man-made as the red kites and buzzards soar overhead.

Llyn Clywedog, west of Llanidloes, is one of the company's most striking visitor sites, with a 72 metre (236ft) high dam, which is one of Britain's largest concrete structures, holding back 50,000 megalitres of water. The area is rich in wildlife, and it is a great place for those wanting to get into the great outdoors to walk, sail – there's a members-only sailing club – and fish, at the popular trout fishery.

It was created through flooding 615 acres of agricultural land, including farms, in a four-year project which ended in 1967.

It is not directly linked to the water supply network. Its role is to regulate the flow of water to the River Severn during the winter, and to ensure a minimum flow during the summer.

A Severn Trent worker looks over the spectacular Clywedog Reservoir

Despite its name, Lake Vyrnwy, west of Llanfyllin, is a man-made reservoir just under 12 miles long. In creating it in late Victorian times, the village of Llanwddyn was submerged and the villagers moved out – including the remains of the dead in the churchyard.

A new settlement was created lower down the valley by the Liverpool Corporation. In some dry summers the ghostly remains of the lost village of Llanwddyn can be seen as the water level falls. Operational in 1891, the lake was built to supply drinking water to Liverpool. The dam was the first large masonry dam built in Britain.

At its maximum depth, the lake is 216ft deep. When water goes down the drain of your sink, or down the toilet, it may seem to be the end of the process so far as consumers are concerned, but it is just part of the endless cycle for Severn Trent.

Settled sewage is treated by special bacteria which turns it into carbon dioxide, water, or nitrogen. Water is cleaned up and returned to watercourses. The firm treats more than 1.4 billion litres of waste water each day.

Where there's muck, there's, er, energy. Many of the firm's sewage treatment sites have engines which produce power from the digestion process of human waste.

As well as treating waste from sewers, it also collects surface water or rainwater and returns it to the watercourses.

Where does the water come from in the first place? That's a bit of a chicken-and-egg question, but the sky, obviously, but more specifically from a variety of sources – boreholes, rivers, and reservoirs. A third of drinking water supplies come from groundwater, which Severn Trent said is the same as most bottled water. Most of the groundwater comes from sandstone aquifers in the West Midlands and Nottinghamshire and is supplemented by smaller limestone aquifers in the Cotswolds and Derbyshire.

As water reached through boreholes has filtered down through layers of rock over many years, it usually only needs minimal treatment. Two thirds of drinking water comes from rivers and reservoirs and this water goes through a number of processes before being fit to drink.

First it is pumped into flocculation tanks to be clarified, then it goes to filtration tanks. Next stop is tanks containing activated carbon granules, which remove any remaining chemicals. Finally chlorine is added to disinfect the water, which is now ready for distribution.

Where does the magic happen? In Shropshire there are major sewage treatment works at Coalport, Rushmoor, and Monkmoor, and a major water treatment works at Shelton. There's a major water treatment works just outside Severn Trent's patch, in the Elan Valley, which is Welsh Water's turf.

Seriously

Climate change is taken seriously and Severn Trent Water has six hydro turbines installed on four sites, producing around 1.7 MW, which is three per cent of its self-generated electricity from water. Wind turbines have been constructed at some Severn Trent Water sites and provides electricity equivalent to supplying about 1,500 homes annually.

Some folk will remember the company when it was known as Severn Trent Water Authority, formed in 1974 as a regional, state-owned water authority based in Birmingham. By the mid-1980s, however, the government had decided to privatise the water industry.

The 10 water authorities in England and Wales passed into private ownership in 1989. Severn Trent Plc is the parent company for Severn Trent Water, a private company. Over the years Severn Trent Plc has built up a portfolio of companies, known as Severn Trent Services.

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Iraq mission ahead for Army Reserve

4Mercian troops take a break during training on Salisbury Plain. Members are to deploy to Iraq in the second half of this year

4Mercian troops preparing for the possibility of urban warfare

Cpl Andy Bolus during training of Ugandan troops – 'they are going into a war situation'

ARMY Reserve troops from the 4th Battalion the Mercian Regiment (4Mercian) are set to deploy to Iraq in 2017, it emerged today.

They will join regular forces from the Regiment's 2nd Battalion (2Mercian) – linked to the former Staffordshire Regiment – on a six-month tour of duty in a move that illustrates the increasing importance of the role played by the Reserve, formerly the TA, in the new-look British Army.

The tour is expected to take place in the second half of the year, with troops providing support and training for Iraqi forces, but exact details have not been disclosed.

Members of 4Mercian, whose headquarters are in Wolverhampton, will also spend the next three months in Africa training up to 1,000 Ugandan soldiers from that country's defence force for a tour of duty with the African Union Mission in Somalia.

Cpl Andy Bolus, aged 30, from, Wolverhampton, has deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan during his 13 years in 4Mercian and has also trained the Ugandan forces for previous missions. He said: "They are going into a war situation.

"They do not have the same standard of kit as we do because they do not enjoy the same level of investment but in just a matter of weeks you could see them improving massively."

The battalion, which is working closely with 2Mercian, also has around 20 troops currently deployed on a six-month tour of duty as UN peacekeepers patrolling the Green Line between Greek and Turkish troops in Cyprus.

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Improved support is needed

WE recently learned that the UK National Screening Committee has recommended newborn babies should not be routinely screened for Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

Duchenne muscular dystrophy is a life-shortening muscle-wasting condition.

Usually diagnosed by the age of five, few currently live to see their 30th birthday.

We understand this recommendation is due to the accuracy of the current test.

But we are hopeful that an improved test could be ready for use in the UK within three to five years.

There needs to be a new diagnosis pathway for families with vital psychological support provided early and at the point of diagnosis.

We urge NHS England to work with Muscular Dystrophy UK as a matter of urgency. If we start working on improved family support now, we will be ready for the next screening review.

NIC BUNGAY
Muscular Dystrophy UK

Bridge is reminder of when Earls lived here

THE Essex Bridge at Shugborough has been damaged by a car but at least this national treasure has had some overdue publicity.

However, readers may be wondering why the Earl of Essex was building a bridge for Queen Elizabeth I when Staffordshire is nowhere near the county of Essex and Elizabeth was not Queen in 1550. Aristocrats do not have to live near the areas that give them their name, and the Earl of Essex actually lived in Stowe by Chartley, next to the ruined castle on the Stafford to Uttoxeter road. He owned the land next to the River Trent, and it was in 1575 that Elizabeth came to visit.

According to the Cambridge historian John Guy, Elizabeth never went further north than Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, and Stowe in Staffordshire, so the visit showed that Essex was important to her. The visit played a role in the final years of Mary Queen of Scots, 12 years after Elizabeth visited Stowe by Chartley. When Mary was imprisoned in Tutbury Castle, she complained the smell from the drains was making her ill. Elizabeth remembered that Essex lived in a moated manor house at Stowe, and it would make a good prison for her.

It was at Stowe that the Babington Plot unfolded which led to Mary's execution. The Earls of Essex left Staffordshire a long time ago, but the bridge reminds us they once lived locally.

TREVOR FISHER
Stafford

Where is explanation over quality of care?

HAVING submitted many letters regarding the continuing demise of the standards of care in this country for many years, I make no apology for doing so again or for continuing to pursue this matter further.

The deeper I become involved, the more I suspect that the Government must have a 'hidden agenda'. Otherwise, how can they justify their ongoing campaign of silence relating to this crucial issue?

We all appreciate, of course, that finances are limited at present. However, it would appear that vast amounts of money can always be found for pet projects such as HS2, while thousands of sick, injured and vulnerable people wait in A&Es, on stretchers in hospital corridors, in GP waiting rooms, or at home, awaiting treatment. Such situations bring shame on the government of a so-called civilised country. The Government owe us an explanation.

ALLAN KYTE
Great Wyrley

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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So, where will we sit?

SO when did Walsall councillors last come out of their ivory towers and walk around the town centre and see anti-social behaviour drinking on the benches? I expect never. My late husband and I used to go to Walsall, I would sit on the benches while he went shopping by himself knowing I was OK chatting. If more seats are removed, as I know the council will do, where are people going to take a break?

M T BARKER
Walsall

It's good to see region is so green

I WANT to personally thank the hundreds of Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Britain in Bloom and It's Your Neighbourhood group volunteers in the Heart of England region for their work in bringing communities together and creating greener, healthier surroundings.

That so many people have given up their time and taken on the challenge of positively transforming their neighbourhoods is testament to their commitment to living in a more pleasant place.

I've been driven to write this letter to ensure that the amazing contribution they've made is acknowledged and celebrated.

With over 150 Britain in Bloom and It's Your Neighbourhood groups in the Heart of England, they really are making an enormous difference.

Thank you to each and every one of them.

SUE BIGGS
RHS Director General

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So-called lost decade could have grave consequences

THE banking crash has been used as an excuse to drive up profit, under the cover of austerity imposed upon the working class. Now Mark Carney, the Governor of the Bank of England, speaks of a lost decade, in which living standards suffered the biggest squeeze since the 1860s.

He warned that 15 million jobs could be lost due to advances in automation and technology. All aspects of production will be affected, with the middle class most at risk.

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Terrific response to pantomime

Jack and The Beanstalk characters, from left, Fairy Cupcake, Jack, Princess and Silly Billy

THE show has come to a close at the Prince of Wales Theatre in Cannock for the 2016 pantomime – and it was a resounding success, oh yes it was.

Jack and the Beanstalk closed last Thursday after a week of knock-out performances.

The panto tells the enduring tale of Jack, who trades Daisy the cow for magic beans that magically grow into a giant beanstalk. While climbing the stalk, Jack discovers a castle full of treasures including a magical harp and a hen that lays golden eggs.

But asleep in his castle was the wicked giant and Jack tries to escape to make his fortune. The traditional pantomime experience was guaranteed with a whole host of songs, music and audience participation.

Theatre manager Richard Key said: "I was really pleased with the show.

"I saw the dress rehearsal and then the first live performance. We've had such a great run.

"The show has opened to terrific houses, there's not been a single seat in the theatre left on some nights.

"We've had some terrific feedback from customers including two or three really nice emails saying how much they've enjoyed themselves.

"There is a local dance school who have worked really well to fit into the production which is great. All the staff have had a hell of a lot of hard work to do for this show.

"We did Jack and the Beanstalk about five or six years ago – but the show is always rewritten with current jokes and songs in it. We are really pleased."

Shorelle Hepkin, from CBBC's Wolfblood, starred as The Fairy with Keith De'Winter back as Dame Dolly, and the fully professional cast were ably supported by the Studio 5 Dancers.

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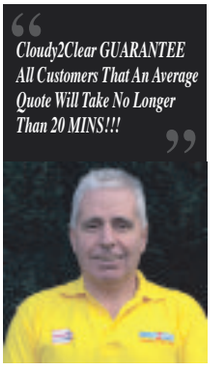

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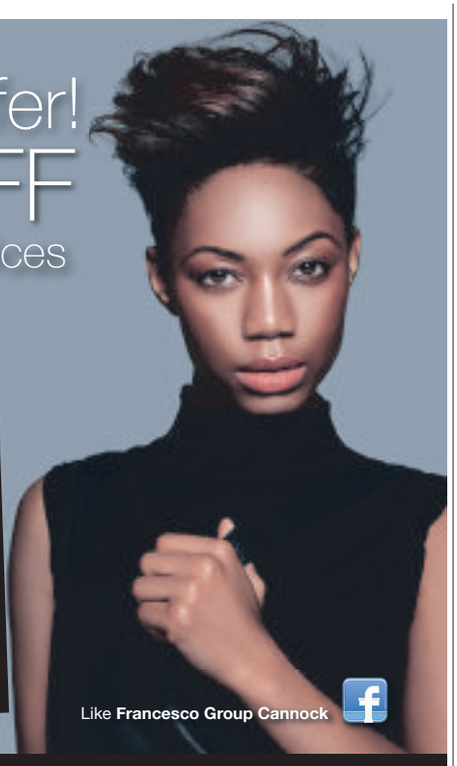

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SID on the lookout for speeding motorists

DRIVERS are being reminded that 20 is Plenty as part of a road safety campaign to help keep pupils safe.

The scheme, run by Staffordshire County Council, encourages drivers to reduce their speed to a maximum of 20mph outside schools. Each term, about 16 schools in the county take part in the scheme.

By David Banner

It is in place when pupils arrive at school in the morning and at home time in the afternoon.

Speed Indication Devices (SIDs) which display the speed of a vehicle as it passes by are used to encourage drivers to slow down.

Councillor Mark Deaville, the county council's transport chief, said: "Our 20 is Plenty scheme is one of many campaigns we run helping to keep our roads amongst the safest in the country.

"We're in the seventh year of the scheme now, and so far over 200 schools across the county have benefited from it.

"The campaign calls on drivers not to put pupils' lives at risk by driving above 20 miles an hour when outside schools.

"The scheme is also encouraging more parents and children to walk and cycle to school, which helps to reduce traffic at school times."

The 20 is Plenty School SIDs will be at the following schools for the January 2017 term:

Gorsemoor Primary, Gorsemoor Road, Heath Hayes; Hazel Slade Primary, Rugeley Road, Hednesford; St Stephens Primary, Church Lane, Fradley; Whittington Primary, Common Lane, Whittington;

Church Eaton Primary, High Street, Church Eaton; Weston Road Academy, Blackheath Lane, Stafford; Perton Academy (formerly Perton Sandown), Sandown Drive, Perton; Corbett Primary, Six Ashes Road, Bobbington.

Schools in Anslow, Burton, Wilnecote, Tamworth, Madeley, Ashbourne, Newcastle-under-Lyme and Kingsley are also involved.

Owner 'baffled' by theft of models

The giraffe model which was stolen from the Hollybush Garden Centre

THIEVES who stole models of a giraffe and lion from a children's attraction have been criticised by the man who bought them to 'bring happiness to the community'.

Mick Leonard, who runs the miniature railway line at the Hollybush Garden Centre near Cheslyn Hay, is appealing for the public's help in finding the unique models, which he purchased three months ago.

He said: "It baffles me that somebody has chose to do this, I don't know what they are going to do with a huge model of a giraffe or a lion.

"I bought the models a few months ago to make the trail more enjoyable for the children, we run a popular attraction here which does bring happiness to the community.

"They made a mess of the site. The models were part of our plans for the summer," Mick added.

"I have been told by Staffordshire Police that they are looking into it and I hope that they are caught as soon as possible. I am offering a reward for any information leading to a conviction and I have plastered my appeal across something like 100 Facebook pages."

The line will be open as usual over the coming weeks. Anyone with information is asked to call 07812 008931.

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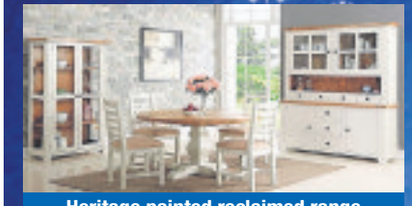

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Awards are given for long service

Rotary club of Cannock

THREE long-standing members have been presented with awards to mark their service to Cannock Rotary Club.

Between them, John Grimley, Melvyn Wilton and Cliff Shore have served the club and the local community for more than 90 years. They were presented with long-service awards by club president Harold Bould.

Mr Grimley has been a member for more than 25 years and Mr Wilton for 30.

Mr Shore, a founder member and past President of the Penkridge club, transferred to the Cannock club in 1999, but has served Rotary for 35 years.

The special recognition award of a Paul Harris Fellowship was made to John Winter who has been a member of the Cannock club for more than 40 years and has served in every capacity including as president in 1993.

This award is named in honour of the Rotary Movement's founder. Only 26 have been awarded in Cannock's 81-year history.

The December meeting also included an inspirational Christmas talk by honorary member, Rev Peter Hart, vicar of St Luke's.

Meanwhile, the club welcomed teams from across the area for its annual quiz at Chase Golf Club.

Organised by the community service committee, , Rotarian Mel Morgan acted as quiz master, and together with the proceeds from a raffle, more than £550 was collected for good causes.

Tenor in tune with songs from shows

Cannock Chase Ladies Probus

CANNOCK Chase Ladies' Probus Club held their Christmas luncheon at The Barns.

Chairman Eileen Cryer, welcomed everyone with a special welcome to two prospective new members, Christine Ballett and Sheila Morris, who came along as visitors.

Mrs Cryer also welcomed back Margaret Parkes after her recent illness and Sheila Jones following her recent sadness.

After the Loyal Toast a very short Business Meeting was held, then speakers' secretary Pat Preece introduced tenor Alan Hazel, who entertained with songs from the films and stage shows.

At the Christmas meeting, members enjoyed a traditional Christmas dinner at Chase Golf Club and then participated in festive crafting.

Some of the ladies who meet regularly for a craft club provided pre-prepared craft items in envelopes for members to make their own Christmas cards.

For details on joining, call 01543 505107 and/or email www.probusonline.org

Poignant service to remember a life

Cannock Friends of St Giles

ST Luke's Church, Cannock, was full for the Light up a Life service held by St Giles Hospice and the Cannock Friends' of St Giles.

People were greeted by the Friends and by members of Cannock's Rotary and Soroptimist clubs with orders of service and a candle to remember the life of a loved one.

St Giles trustee Simon James welcomed everyone to the service, one of eight held within the community served by St Giles Hospice. The service was again enhanced by singers Bel Canto who added their harmonies to the carols and performed two special items; these and the readings from Amanda Milling MP and Trish Mellor of Cannock Friends of St Giles added to the mood.

As ever the most poignant time was when the lights were turned off and the Christmas tree lights on, leaving the church lit by the candles and allowing everyone the chance for quiet and private thought and reflection.

Following the service, led by Rev Peter Hart, Janette Arrowsmith, chairman of Cannock Friends of St Giles, invited everyone to view the Book of Remembrance where names of all those being remembered are recorded and to enjoy complimentary refreshments.

A copy of the Book of Remembrance will be available at St Luke's Church Centre until the end of January. Due to very generous contributions, £757.62 was donated.

Christmas celebrated in style

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THE guild welcomed Joy and Alan Lewis for an illustrated talk about Women at War.

Everyone found this extremely interesting about the roles of women from the First World War to the present day.

Four members attended the Facts and Fun Day in Birmingham. They learned, among other things, how to use basic sign language to communicate with the deaf and hard of hearing. A buffet lunch was provided and to close the day a Tai Chi class was held.

The guild celebrated Christmas in style with a mouth watering buffet and enjoyed the festive entertainment by the Cherry Wood duo.

In January, Michael Taylor will be giving a talk entitled A pie for the Queen.

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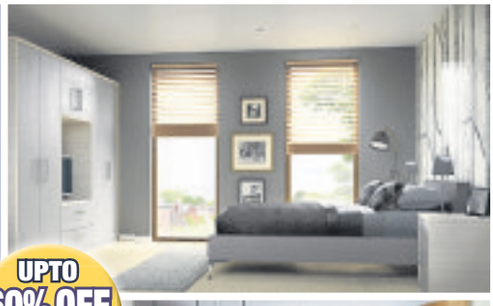

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Handball team on target as league winners

Hannah Talbot, left, Olivia Gonsalves, Athalia Ibanga, Giorrgia Chattwood, Megan Johnson, Annabelle Hicklin, Ellie Smit, Bethany Connor

THE year ended on a high for a group of Staffordshire athletes as they topped their league in the popular sport of handball.

The Olympia Cannock Girls Under 18 team is unbeaten since September and has finished the year as Northern Under 18 League winners.

Two of the team – Olivia Gonsalves and Hannah Talbot – have been selected to represent England at Under 18 level in matches against Australia and Scotland this month.

They will join Cannock's Athalia Imbanga, the current national Under 18 Player of the Year, in the squad.

The news follows closely on the inclusion of Annie Hicklin and Megan Johnson in the Under 17 squad.

Coach Nenad Popovic says the team has benefited from financial backing from Cameron Homes, which last month pledged a further £45,000 over three years to boost girls' handball in the region.

He added: "These girls are extremely talented and are providing a benchmark for aspiring younger players at the club, of which there are several to note."

Parking charges bring in £7.4m for hospitals

HOSPITAL trusts in Staffordshire and the Black Country made more than £7.4 million in parking charges last year.

Four hospital trusts in the region revealed under the Freedom of Information Act how much they received from car park charges over the past financial year.

Top of the list was The University Hospitals of North Midlands, which runs County Hospital in Stafford as well as Royal Stoke University Hospital.

The trust, which charges from £1.70 for less than an hour to £8.60 a day for parking, raked in £3.35m over the year.

It was followed by Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust, which runs Sandwell Hospital, and City Hospital in Birmingham. It made £2,271,352 from parking – patients/visitors £1,573,201 and staff £698,151.

The trust charges £2.80 for stays of up to an hour, although it is free for the first 15 minutes. It is £5.30 for the day.

County Hospital in Stafford

Other trusts which responded for the request of information included Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust which made £1,345,253 and Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust which made £455,000 from the parking charges. Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, which runs Manor Hospital, charges £2 for the first hour, and £6 a day.

Weekly concessionary passes are available for regular visitors to the hospital at a charge of £10 per week.

Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust does not charge for the first 15 minutes, but charges £2.60 for an hour, and £5.60 for the day. Not all of the parking takings go to the trust, however, with a Private Finance Initiative taking some income.

Katherine Murphy, chief executive of the national healthcare charity Patients Association, said it was unfair that hospital parking in Wales and Scotland was largely free but that patients in England still had to pay.

"The shocking reality about car parking charges is that they are taking money from the sick and vulnerable to top up NHS coffers," she said.

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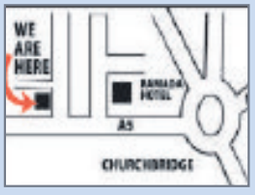

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That's cool! Images show winter wonders

The towers at the now disused Rugeley Power Station can just be seen peeping out of the fog

A frosty Staffordshire sunrise captured in all its glory *Picture: Halfpenny Green Wines*

SNAP-HAPPY photographers have been out and about capturing some of the finest landmarks in the region.

And these stunning pictures taken in the past few days show parts of Staffordshire in all their glory.

From stunning sunsets to frosty fog-filled skies, the two shots were captured at Rugeley and Bobbington.

The main photograph, taken above the clouds by a drone device, shows thick fog covering Rugeley.

Peeping just above the clouds of fog, the four iconic towers of the now disused Rugeley Power Station can be seen standing high in the bright blue sky, months after the site was shut down.

Elsewhere in the county, at Halfpenny Green, it might have been the depths of winter but the sun shone bright above the distant hills. The photograph was uploaded by Halfpenny Green Vineyards on a frosty morning last week.

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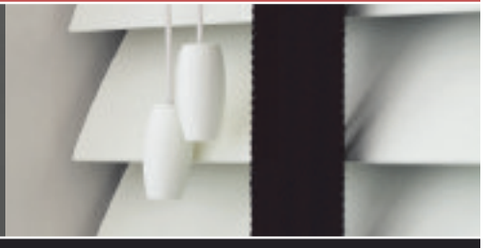

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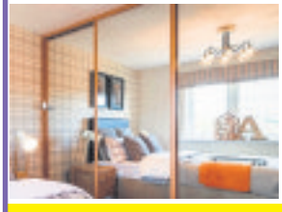

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Police chief speaks out as abuse unreported

A STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE chief has spoken out on what he describes as the 'under-reporting' of domestic abuse in the county.

Chief Supt Jeff Moore said: "Victims often blame themselves and can make excuses about the offender's behaviour. There is never any excuse that is acceptable."

In recent months, a change in the law has made it illegal for someone to exercise 'coercive control' over another person, which has helped police forces bring those responsible for domestic abuse to justice, even if they haven't physically attacked their partner.

Those found guilty face up to 14 years in prison – the same as for someone guilty of physical abuse.

A recent court case involving Mitchell Bain of Cannock saw the 20-year-old sentenced to 14 weeks in prison suspended for 18 months after admitting a charge of engaging in controlling or coercive behaviour in an intimate relationship. Bain's behaviour included deciding when his girlfriend had a bath, choosing her clothes, stopping her wearing make-up or using social media, and ordering that she send him photographs every half an hour while she was out.

By Jordan Harris

Mr Moore said domestic abuse is 'significantly under-reported' but the force hoped people can find the confidence and report their problems so they can get help. He said: "It's never the victim's fault. Men and women can be victims, and it is an offence that affects children, wider families and friends. It is not an issue for victims to deal with.

"Offenders should challenge their own behaviour, understand it and seek help and support to stop a cycle of abuse that is totally unacceptable. Domestic abuse is rarely a one-off and tends to escalate in frequency and severity over time."

Victims can contact the 24-hour National Domestic Violence Helpline on 0808 2000 247.

Bus drivers show their generosity

Russ Taylor, of Pit Stop café, and Arriva Cannock operations manager Andy Percy, right, prepare to deliver the meals

ARRIVA bus drivers donated and delivered their Christmas dinners to charities in Stafford and Wolverhampton.

Drivers each receive a Christmas dinner from Arriva at the Pit Stop café at their Delta Way depot in Cannock.

More than 50 drivers decided to donate their meals which were delivered to Eagle House and the women's refuge in Stafford; and the Good Shepherd Ministry in Wolverhampton.

Driver Mick Szydlowski organised the collection and delivery of the meals with staff from the café.

Arriva Cannock operations manager Andy Percy said: "It's a fantastic idea and it's great to see our drivers getting into the Christmas spirit and helping those in need.

"Arriva provides a meal for the drivers each year and it's a great gesture from them, and in particular Mick, to bring this together."

For information about services and timetables, either download the free Arriva Bus App via the Apple Store or Google Play or visit www.arrivabus.co.uk/midlands

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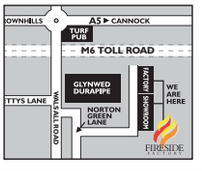


1,400-plus calls from prisons to 999 service

AMBULANCES have been called out to prisons across the West Midlands region more than 1,400 times in the past two years, new figures have revealed.

A Freedom of Information request has uncovered the statistics which equate to ambulance staff being called out twice a day across Winson Green, Featherstone, Oakwood, Stafford and Swinfen Hall prisons.

During 2015 and 2016, the most frequently visited prison was HMP Oakwood, followed by HMP Featherstone and Winson Green – the scene of a huge riot last month which saw dozens of ambulances called out as prisoners took over four wings.

At each prison, apart from Swinfen Hall, the number of call-outs increased in 2016 from 2015, with HMP Oakwood seeing the biggest rise, from 216 to 279.

Pain

West Midlands Ambulance Service could not comment on why there had been such an increase in calls but spokesman Clare Brown said: "We treat every call as a call – we get around 3,000 a day – whether it's from a prison or anywhere else. We have to treat every single one the same."

Across the whole area the West Midlands Ambulance Service covers, there were 2,489 call-outs over the two-year period.

The most common reason for call-outs was chest pain, followed by 'traumatic specific injuries'.

The statistics do not reveal how many calls related to prisoners or staff, or how many of the call-outs were a direct result of violent incidents.

Prison Officers Association chairman Mike Rolfe has warned of 'dire chaos' if inmates conspired to riot in multiple prisons at the same time.

Mr Rolfe said: "The worst case scenario is we fall into real heavy rioting around the estate. If it was to go off at more than one jail at the same time, that would be very difficult to manage."

New show to power of TEN

Dance company ACE will perform in Lichfield this month

BIRMINGHAM-BASED dance company ACE brings its new thought-provoking production TEN to the Lichfield Garrick stage this month.

To celebrate 20 years of creating and touring dance shows, ACE has reunited with choreographer Jose Agundo to make this full-length dance production.

Performed at the theatre on January 17, TEN will explore humanity's urge to reach for the power of 10 – the universal symbol of completion.

TEN will continue the legacy laid down by ACE's successful production, A Thousand Shepherds, building on the themes of spiritual dedication and striving.

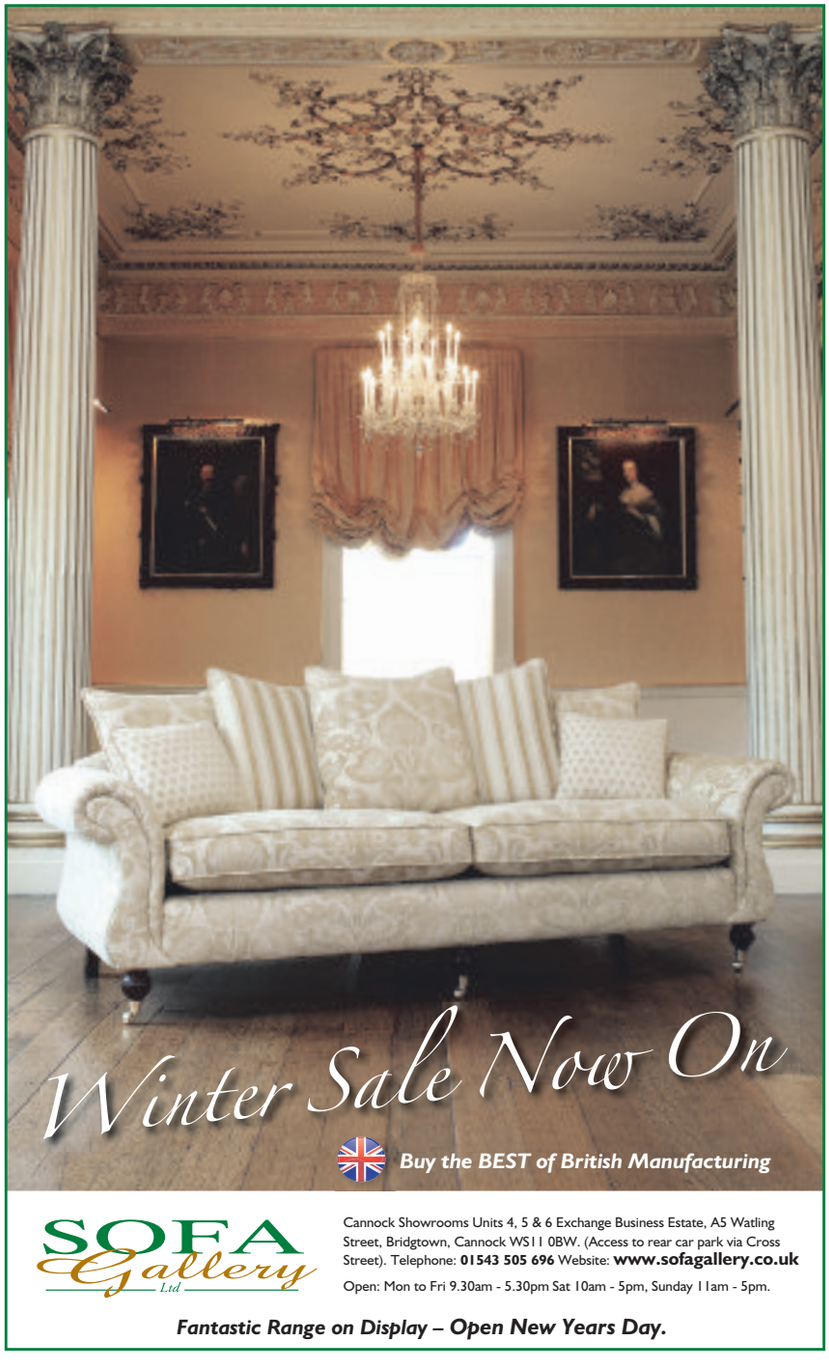
TEN will be at the Lichfield Garrick on Friday, January 27, from 7.30pm.

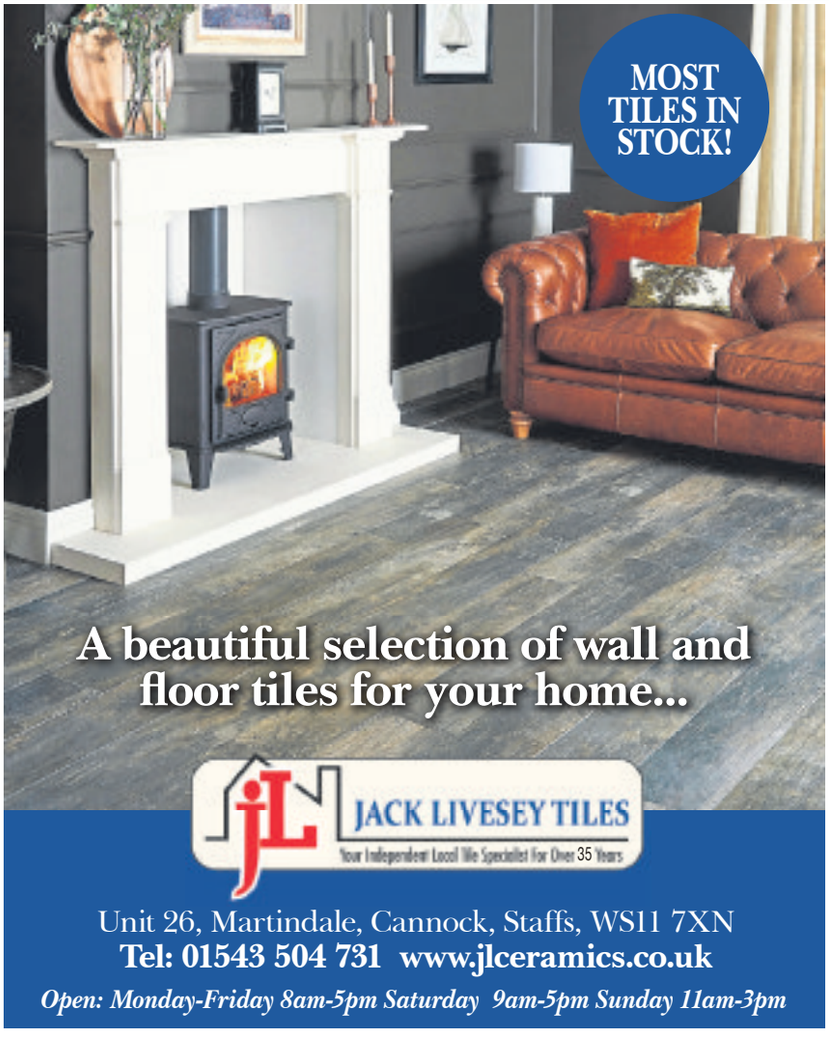
● Lee Hurst, one of Britain's most-loved comedians, is back with an all-new show at the Lichfield Garrick on Friday, January 13.

His comedy shows include funny stories, quality gags and side-splitting observations – in his words ' 'one man, a mic and his mind'.

The show is suitable for anyone 16-plus.

Tickets can be booked online at www.lichfieldgarrick.com or by call the box office on 01543 412121.





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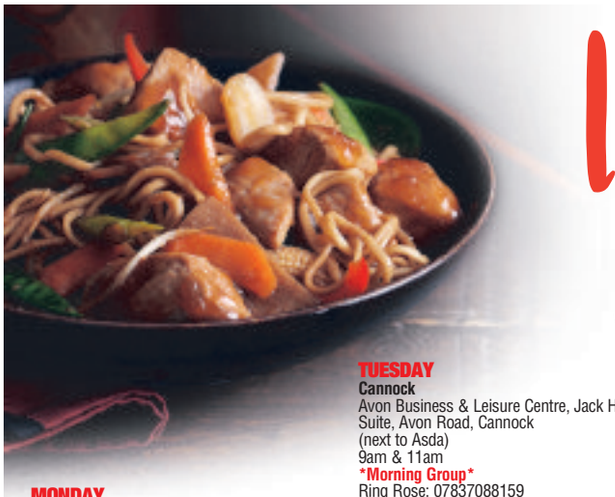

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Longford Medical Practice, Longford Road,
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5.30pm & 7.30pm
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Avon Business & Leisure Centre, Jack Holsten Suite, Avon Road, Cannock
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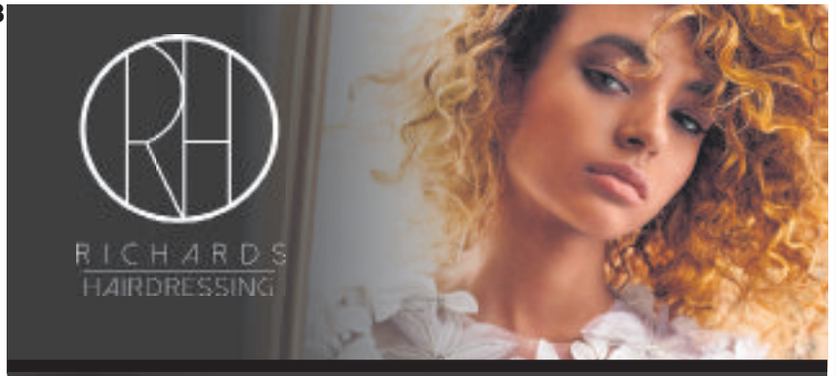

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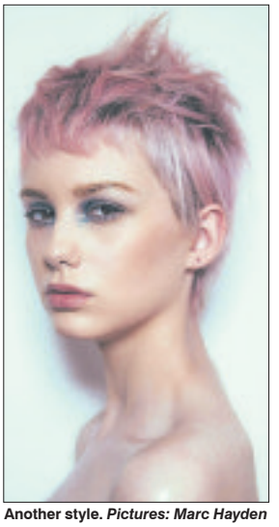
The Wella Generation team is directly involved with product launches and creating hair for some of the most influential bloggers.

Showing the way forward, one of Richards' Hairdressing's recently promoted stylist's, Molly, won silver at the Wella Xposure competition held in August. And salon director Jamie was a winner himself at Wella Trendvision Manchester and a finalist in the national contect in October.

Molly's winning Xposure entry



Another style. ***Pictures: Marc Hayden***

Jamie says: "We keep up to date with the latest trends to keep clients aware of what's happening, encouraging change however big or small. We listen to clients' needs, but also give honest advice on what may, or may not work."

Members of the team regularly work back stage at London Fashion Week, producing hair collections, available for viewing at www.richardshairdressing.co.uk. And right up to minute have been Jamie and Liberty working in London to produce a collection set for publication soon.

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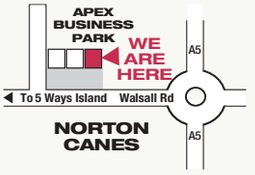

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Drivers braced for six months of roadworks

Celebrating on Oddball Run

The PHd team and vehicle at the start of The Oddball Run

A STAFFORDSHIRE design business has marked its 25th trading anniversary by hitting the road to help a local charity.

PHd Design, based in Lichfield, is the main sponsor of The Oddball Run, a two-day social motoring event to raise money for free@last, a Midland charity that works to improve the lives of young people in the Nechells area of Birmingham by providing opportunities, activities, mentoring and support for children and teenagers.

PHd has supported free@last for the last two years, donating any required marketing collateral, including branding, graphic design, website and flyers to help increase fundraising and raise awareness of the charity's campaigns and events, including the annual Oddball Run.

As well as marketing The Oddball Run, it also entered a team.

Company directors Peter Howard and Neil Sargeant, and graphic designer Javier Rioja, donned fancy dress and took part in the two-day driving event, after investing £700 in a VW Beetle, which was also dressed up in the company and charity's corporate branding.

Mr Howard said: "We couldn't think of a better way to celebrate our 25-year anniversary than by taking part in The Oddball Run."

DELAYED roadworks on the on the A449 will see six months of overnight closures.

Construction firm Kier, working on behalf of Highways England, has sent a letter to residents who will be affected by the work between the A449 Gailey Island and M54 junction 2 until June 30.

Work will take place from 8pm to 6am on weekdays and weekends, with access to businesses and residential properties maintained at all times.

The letter reads: "We informed you about works on the A449 that unfortunately had to be postponed. We are now in a position to undertake these works, which will include resurfacing, drainage repairs, kerb repairs and barrier installation.

"Access to businesses and residential properties will be maintained at all times.

"All traffic management restrictions where possible will be lifted during embargoes such as bank holidays and events."

Closures

Traffic restrictions as a result of the work will see separate northbound and southbound carriageway closures enforced between Gailey Island and the Brewood Road roundabout, for about 30 weekday nights.

There will also be some full weekend road closures, with 24-hour closures on the same stretch being put in place from 8pm on a Friday to 6am on a Monday for four consecutive weekends, the dates for which have yet to be announced.

During any closures, side-road access to and from the A449 will be restricted, with signed diversions being put in place.

The aim of the work is to improve the road surface, driver safety and the safety of pedestrians, with the improved drainage work preventing flooding.

Gavin Williamson, MP for South Staffordshire, said he hoped the work would be carried out 'speedily'. He had previously called for the work to be done after a number of constituents complained about noise created on the stretch of road by the traffic.

On the road with Google to digital expertise

From left, Jamie Smith of South Staffordshire College, Christine Braithwaite from Google, MP Amanda Milling and John Trivett from Community Together at the Google Digital Garage in Cannock

TECHNICAL experts from Google joined Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling at a special event for businesses in her constituency.

The Google Digital Garage was set up at Cannock Chase Council's headquarters in Beecroft Road, Cannock, where businesses were able to attend a free masterclass.

The tech giant offered one-to-one mentoring sessions.

Miss Milling said: "I was delighted that Google's Digital Garage came to Cannock Chase to help businesses make the most of the digital revolution.

"With the huge increase in digital use by both the public and businesses, there is a real opportunity for local companies to increase their customer base and boost sales using the internet and social media.

"Google provided training which outlined ways in which local businesses could make the most from a strong online presence so that they could reach new customers both here in the UK as well as globally."

Google's Digital Garage project is part of digital skills training which will have been used by 200,000 small businesses across the country by the end of this year.

Park home residents can get help with energy bill

RESIDENTS of park homes in the Cannock Chase district are set to benefit from £700,000 worth of energy bill rebates.

The move is part of a Warm Homes Discount (WHD) scheme, available to residents across the country, on a first come first served basis.

Funded by eight UK energy suppliers – British Gas, EDF Energy, E.ON, npower, Scottish Power, SSE, Utilita and Extra Energy – the scheme is independently administered by Charis Grants Ltd.

Until now, most people living in park homes did not qualify for WHD rebates because their energy suppliers' contract is often with the site owner, not the individual residents. But now, eligible park home residents who are in or at risk of fuel poverty in Britain will receive a £140 annual rebate on their energy bills.

Councillor Frank Allen, housing portfolio leader at Cannock Chase Council, said: "We are very pleased to be able to pass on the good news to residents of park homes in the district, particularly at the time of year when finances are stretched for most families.

Councillor Frank Allen – 'opportunity'

"It presents a good opportunity for those on low incomes and at risk of fuel poverty to get back money and reduce the cost of heating their park home."

As the WHD is designed to support vulnerable consumers, recipients must meet one of the eligibility criteria in addition to paying council tax at the property.

Eligible consumers will also benefit from advice on making their homes more energy efficient.

Park home residents can apply for the rebate at www.charisgrants.com/park-homes-warm-home-discount-scheme or by calling the Charis Park Homes hotline on 0330 380 1040. Successful applicants will be sent a cheque for £140 to help with energy costs.

The WHD scheme already benefits pensioners on low income and who are in receipt of Pension Credit. The £140 rebate is automatically applied to their electricity or gas account.

Other schemes are available from participating suppliers to assist a broader range of households in or at risk of fuel poverty. For advice contact energy suppliers or the .gov website.

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Park tribute to city benefactor

Historic parks manager Lyn Hammant, Friends of Lichfield Historic Parks chairman William Henwood and Swinfen Broun Charitable Trust chairman Councillor David Smedley

A COLOURFUL information board detailing the life and times of Colonel Swinfen Broun has been unveiled at Beacon Park in Lichfield.

Lichfield District Council installed the new interpretation panel next to the colonel's monument.

It pays tribute to the man who gave many gifts to the city, including the money to pay for Beacon Park to be extended and improved in the 1940s. The panel was put together by Lichfield District Council, with help from the Friends of Lichfield Historic Parks and the Swinfen Broun Charitable Trust.

Councillor Andy Smith, cabinet member for leisure and parks, said: "Colonel Swinfen Broun was such an important figure in Lichfield's history. His generosity has left a lasting legacy, and it's only right that we should honour this great man."

100,000 likes for force

THE Staffordshire Police Facebook page has achieved over 100,000 likes.

In 2016, the page was seen by more than 9.3 million unique visitors, who clicked over 1.3 million times to find out more information.

David Bailey, social media lead with the force, said "Whilst we have posted around 900 individual updates over the last year, members of the community posted over 33,000 comments, and each day hundreds of people reacted to updates by liking or sharing updates.

"We know how much our communities value our presence on Facebook and as a result of the way we have all worked together, missing people have been found safe, suspects have been identified and arrested, and property has been returned to victims of crime.

"Staffordshire Police have been recognised internationally for the way they use Facebook with local communities.

"Facebook published their first ever case study on a government organisation on Staffordshire Police a few years ago and continue to reference Staffordshire Police to other agencies working to develop their approach on social media."

To see updates from Staffordshire Police on Facebook, go to www.facebook.com/staffordshirepolice

It is not necessary to have a Facebook account to access all the latest updates.

MP hits out over lack of respect from pub owners

AN MP has labelled the owners of two derelict pubs as 'irresponsible' as the local council confirmed it was looking to prosecute.

Walsall North MP David Winnick has previously called for the owners of The Eagle and Leathern Bottle pubs in Bloxwich to be named and shamed after showing 'complete disrespect' and ignoring a council order to have the sites cleaned up.

Now Mr Winnick has accused the owners of 'complete irresponsibility' and confirmed that Walsall Council was looking to prosecute the owners of both sites.

He said: "Regarding the former Leathern Bottle and Eagle public house sites on the Mossley estate, Bloxwich, I have been informed by Paul Sheehan, the chief executive, the planning officers and the council's legal services are continuing to discuss bringing prosecutions to the owners of both these sites.

"I am informed the legal process can take some months to progress.

"In a letter I sent to the council, I suggested the work of clearing up the sites, particularly the rubble left after the demolition of the Leathern Bottle could be undertaken by the council. And afterwards the owners could be charged accordingly. In response, I am informed that this could be done. But it would have to be subject to the outcome of any legal proceedings.

"The sheer irresponsibility of the owners of both sites demonstrates that they are simply unfit to be involved in property development of any kind.

"They have shown complete irresponsibility, bearing in mind that clearing the rubble would only take one day at least.

Drugs and a dangerous dog were found at the Leathern Bottle in 2009.

The pub first opened in the 1970s but closed several years ago.

Meanwhile, the Eagle pub has been empty since 2007.

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Tea room opens after refit

THE shop and tea room at Essington Fruit Farm has been officially opened after 11 months of refurbishment work. Work started last January at the popular site to improve facilities in both its shop and tea room, which boss Richard Simkin says has added a 'more professional and up-to-date' feel to the farm. The farm, in Bognop Road, Essington, held its official reopening ceremony, welcoming customers and South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson inside to take a look at the changes. Mr Simkin said: "To finally get everything finished and open to the public feels great."

Parents can join battle on funding for schools

PARENTS across Staffordshire have been urged by MPs to make their voice heard after years of schools in the county being 'under-funded' by the Government.

Recent proposals put forward for stage two of its consultation on fair funding for schools confirms that national funding formulae will be introduced for schools, high needs and local authority services for schools in 2018-19.

By Jordan Harris

Staffordshire MPs Jeremy Lefroy and Michael Fabricant have been making the case for more money to be invested into the county's schools for a number of years.

Under the current formula the county receives significantly lower funding per pupil than neighbouring local authorities Wolverhampton and Stoke-on-Trent.

Stafford MP Mr Lefroy led a delegation of Staffordshire MPs to meet with the then Education Minister, Sam Gyimah, to discuss school funding in the county.

National

He has also written to ministers about the issue on a number of occasions over the past few years.

Commenting on the launch of the new consultation, he said: "I am pleased that this government is delivering on its commitment to a new national fair funding formula – ensuring that pupils get funding that genuinely matches their need.

"This is something that I have been pressing ministers on for many years.

"Schoolchildren in Staffordshire have been consistently funded well below the national average, and I have been determined to ensure that a new national formula is introduced to ensure money is allocated more consistently across the country.

"I am pleased that the Government are now tackling this unfairness and would urge local people and schools to engage with this latest consultation to ensure Staffordshire's voice is heard as the details of the new formula are developed.

"In the meantime, I will continue to argue the case for improved funding for schools across the country."

Last March, the Government started the process of introducing a national funding formula, representing a move towards a system where school funding is allocated according to a consistent national formula.

Education Secretary Justine Greening announced in the Commons last month her plans for fairer funding for schools in England and set a clear deadline for its implementation.

Lichfield MP Mr Fabricant has also called for parents and schools to make sure Staffordshire takes the opportunity to improve its school funding.

He said: "I urge local schools and other interested parties to contribute their ideas to the Government over the next few months."

Notice will be given on land to be used for HS2

PROPERTY and land owners affected by HS2 between London and Lichfield will be contacted about their future once MPs approve plans for the line.

HS2 chairman Sir David Higgins said notice about land required will be given once legislation for the £55.7 billion project is given the green light in the Commons.

Those living along the route have already been alerted to the fact that they are affected and many have already taken advantage of compensation schemes.

Sir David said: "Formal notices about land requirements will only be issued following parliamentary approval of the phase one hybrid Bill.

"But in the last month we have begun writing to and meeting with directly affected property owners, residents, farmers and businesses.

"This is to give them as much notice as possible of our requirements and help them understand the options available.

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Next use for disused power station site 'must be right'

AN MP has said the redevelopment of Rugeley Power Station should be based on 'high technology and advanced manufacturing businesses'.

Amanda Milling claims that the area could not support any more distribution centres. The site, which had been operating for more than 40 years, closed in the summer with the loss of 150 jobs.

By Jordan Harris

The Cannock Chase MP has urged developers to take into consideration Rugeley's infrastructure before submitting plans to redevelop the power station site.

She said: "In my view, Rugeley's infrastructure cannot cope as it is and therefore careful consideration needs to be given to the type of business and industrial development that is included in the plans for the power station site.

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"I do not believe that the infrastructure is in place in Rugeley to support the development of more distribution centres. In my view we need to focus the redevelopment on high technology and advanced manufacturing businesses, not more distribution centres."

The MP has recently called for 'ambitious, bold and visionary' plans for Rugeley's redevelopment and has written to Cannock Chase Council, Staffordshire County Council and the Local Enterprise Partnerships to push for a development plan that builds a sustainable local economy, attracting businesses that will create highly skilled jobs. The power station closed weeks earlier than expected in June after burning the last of its coal reserves.

Its closure will cost the district council a loss of £700,000 in business rates this year and £1 million annually in subsequent years.

The authority is hoping the new Mill Green designer outlet village, which will bring more than 100 shops to the Eastern Way site, will fill the void but that will not be until it is opened in 2019 at the earliest.

Some of the community groups which faced losing their base when the Rugeley Power Station Social Club shuts down in March have already moved, with work under way to secure a place for other groups.

Rugeley is already home to Amazon, which employs around 1,500 permanent members of staff. Bosses hired 4,500 workers in the run-up to Christmas at the Rugeley centre, as part of its seasonal recruitment drive.

Photo puts peaceful pool in the frame

The picture of Fair Oak Pools in Rugeley taken by Sue Childs, from Hednesford

IT shows winter at its best. This picture reveals the beauty of Fair Oak Pools in Rugeley.

It was taken by Sue Childs, from Hednesford, who walks to the pools with her husband Chris and border collie.

She took the picture with a Canon 70D. "I'm quite good at seeing a picture," Mrs Childs said.

"I can frame the picture before taking it, which helps when taking shots," she added.

"I take about 30 pictures every time I go up there."

Mrs Childs, aged 58, is a retired NHS worker who lives with her husband in Pye Green Road.

"Her husband Chris, 63, is a retired sales manager.

She said: "We love it up at the pools. "It takes 10 minutes to get there in the car, and then we walk around the pool."

Volunteers prepare for next canal work party

THE next volunteer work party on the local canals will be on Friday, February 24.

The meeting point is Leathermill Lane canal bridge near Tesco in Rugeley at 9.30am for a 10am start.

"We will be continuing the work started just before Christmas," coordinator Margaret Beardsmore said.

"This will include installing a handrail for the steps we put in; clearance work on the paths; litter picking; possible offside clearance; and hedge maintenance.

"Please wear heavy-duty boots and old clothes that will not snag on brambles.

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All are welcome to attend the services, which are totally free.

Revamp of car spaces for estate relaunch

THE National Trust is to revamp parking at Shugborough ahead of the estate's reopening next year.

After taking control of the site from Staffordshire County Council in November, the organisation has had plans approved by Stafford Borough Council to increase the all-weather parking provision.

Currently the site has a car park with more seasonal grass parking available.

But the National Trust wants to tarmac over the grass parking, meaning that the extra spaces can be used all year round.

The revamp has been prompted by plans to keep the estate open 364 days a year.

Hayley Mival, project manager for Shugborough, said the intention is to 'significantly increase' visitor numbers over the next 10 years.

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She said: "By improving the car parking whilst the estate is closed we can provide better year-round parking facilities, future-proofed for years to come."

Currently the car park has 177 standard spaces, nine disabled spaces, room for 16 coaches and 176 seasonal grass parking spaces.

After the revamp, there will be 285 standard spaces, one electric charge space, 12 larger standard spaces and four coach parking spaces. There will be no seasonal grass parking.

The plans do not change the size of the area used for car parking, meaning none of the Grade I listed parkland will be lost.

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Health trust's top rating

A HEALTHCARE trust has been given a top rating for its mental health work.

South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust was placed in the top 12 per cent of trusts in the country for performance by NHS Improvement.

Director of finance and performance Jayne Deaville said: "We are extremely pleased that this gives us the flexibility to respond to local conditions and work most effectively with our commissioner and partners to best meet the needs of local people."

More than 850 winter deaths are recorded

THERE were more than 850 deaths in Staffordshire in the winter of 2014/15 – a 69 per cent increase on the year before it, new figures reveal.

The total number of excess winter deaths across the UK during 2014/15 was 43,850 – the highest level in more than 15 years.

By Tom Oakley

The rise has been largely attributed to the failure of the flu vaccine, which experts say was only effective in one in three cases.

Provisional figures for last winter (2015/16) show a drop in the number of winter deaths but there were still 2,600 recorded in the West Midlands.

However, after removing the anomaly of the 2014/15 figures, which were skewed by high number of flu-related deaths, the 2015/16 deaths are still nearly 40 per cent higher than 2013/14.

Heating

Oftec, the trade body for the oil heating industry, said a key contributing factor in the deaths was the high number of people in the UK still living in cold homes.

Malcolm Farrow, from Oftec, said rural parts of the county, such as Shropshire, were disproportionately affected because homes were typically older with poorer insulation. There were 860 deaths in Shropshire during 2014/15.

Mr Farrow said: "Every year a significant number of people die unnecessarily as a result of living in a cold home over the winter.

"The shocking increase in the number of excess winter deaths seen over the past two years shows there is still much more that needs to be done to help keep vulnerable people warm.

"Fortunately, the 12,000 households in Staffordshire who use oil to heat their homes are continuing to enjoy the cheapest fuel bills by far of all the main heating fuels, so they can afford to keep their heating on for longer this winter.

"However, during this expensive time of year, many households may still be tempted to turn down their thermostats to save money but by doing so they could be putting their health at risk."

Excess winter deaths are defined as the difference between the number of deaths in the winter months (December to March) compared with the previous (August to November) and following (April to July) three months.

With winter well under way, Oftec is offering advice to households on keeping warm over the winter months. They are urging people to ensure main rooms are heated to a least 21C and that other regularly used rooms are kept to at least 18C – low temperatures increase the risk of flu and respiratory problems.

In addition, the timers on heating controls should be monitored as the weather changes.

Petition launched over healthcare plans for future

COUNTY politicians are being urged to take a stand against the controversial Staffordshire Sustainability and Transformation Plan. Residents have launched a petition over the proposals.

The petition, called 'Save Staffordshire's NHS – Say No to the STP' has gathered hundreds of signatures.

It will eventually be sent to MPs and councillors with the aim of getting them to oppose the plans put forward for the future of healthcare in the county.

An A&E department will be downgraded while hospital beds and minor injuries units could be axed under plans to save £542m. Health bosses say one of the three major emergency departments – at County Hospital, Stafford, Royal Stoke and Queen's in Burton – needs to be turned into an urgent care centre. One of the options could see Cannock Hospital stripped of its minor injuries unit.

William Walker said: "We believe that these proposals pose a direct threat to NHS services within the county."

Stafford MP Jeremy Lefroy has called for an urgent Commons debate on the STP, while the county council's 'healthy Staffordshire Select Committee' will discuss the plans on Tuesday.

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A family in the picturesque surroundings of the garden at a cottage in Blackhalve Lane

Ashmore Farm, seen at the turn of the 20th Century

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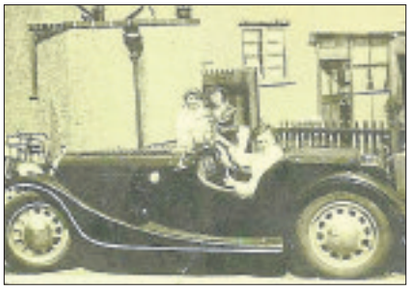
The Butler's Brewery Wood Hayes pub, when it opened



Noah Williams' Morgan behind his shop in Blackhalve Lane

Wood you believe such rural scenes?

OUT to the east at the last knockings of the city, out at the very edge of the former Urban District Council of Wednesfield, lies the suburb of Wolverhampton we know as Wood End.

MEMORY LANE

By Alec Brew

Its very name suggests remoteness, almost Tolkien-like remoteness.

In the days when the medieval forest covered the area, it was just a small clearing in the trees, some way from the agricultural village of Wednesfield.

Then the industrial revolution transformed the local town of Wolverhampton, and the canal, and then the railway came, splitting the communities of Wednesfield and Wednesfield Heath – the latter little more than a road junction where a battle had been fought in Anglo-Saxon times. Coal was dug from Bowman's Harbour, and industry followed.

The two communites grew and in 1850 the parish was split into two.

In 1893 the urban districts of Heath Town and Wednesfield came into existence, but still Wood End lay out in the fields outside the grasp of industrial change.

Excitement

In 1927 Heath Town was gobbled up by Wolverhampton, and the housing spread east into the Staffordshire countryside.

In the 1930s brief excitement came to Wood End when Alan Cobham's Flying Circus twice chose the large field on the other side of Blackhalve Lane for its displays.

After this the small community reverted to suburban peace, only the opening of Wood End School in 1938 providing a major development. In 1957 the Wood Hayes pub was built on what was to be the very edge of Wolverhampton's expansion.

In 1966 Wednesfield UDC was also gobbled up by its big neighbour, along with Bilston and Tettenhall, but the fields beyond the Wood Hayes were to remain out of reach, and when the West Midlands County was formed, that became the boundary with Staffordshire.

The Wood Hayes has now gone like so many other pubs, but Wood End remains a quiet suburban corner on the very edge of the City, though conspicuously lacking a wood.

A cottage not far from the Wyrley and Essington canal in Ridge Lane

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MP wants debate on nationalising M6 Toll

A TREASURY review into whether the M6 Toll should be nationalised has been called for by a top Tory MP.

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson has written to Chancellor Philip Hammond asking for the Exchequer to examine whether the 27-mile motorway could be taken into public ownership.

Mr Williamson said: "There is a lot of local support for this, and it would be positive in the terms of economic development for the area.

"I have written to the Chancellor to ask that the Treasury look into whether the M6 Toll could be taken into public ownership or whether we can explore different pricing structures to encourage higher usage than it experiences at the moment.

"While it has been positive to see the numbers of users increasing, it would quite clearly be a lot better to see even more people using it. Certainly those living nearby would welcome seeing some benefit as they are currently priced out of using it."

More than 200 million vehicles have used Britain's only private motorway since it was opened in 2003.

The M6 Toll has been put up for sale

The road has been put up for sale after a debt-restructuring process led to a consortium of 27 banks effectively taking ownership of the loss-making road from operator Midland Expressway Ltd (MEL). Despite the toll road losing money each year, it is thought the banks want to recover about £1.9 billion from the sale.

Usage of the road between July and September was 56,693 vehicles on weekdays and 42,278 on weekends. Overall usage was up 1.2 per cent compared with the same period the previous year.

Speaking last month, MEL chief Andy Pearson said that at peak times 80 to 95 per cent of through traffic – journeys between London and Manchester – already use the pay-as-you-go motorway.

He said the road, which runs between Cannock and Coleshill, already takes 60 per cent on average of daily through traffic. He argues that most of the congestion on the M6 and M5 was caused by local traffic which would have no use for a free toll road.

Labour's West Midlands Mayor candidate Sion Simon has said taking the toll road into public ownership would be a priority if he is elected in May. Tory candidate Andy Street, Liberal Democrat Beverley Nielsen, and Green James Burn said they had other transport priorities over buying or taking control of the motorway.

Hundreds join police cadets scheme

Matthew Ellis, left, and Assistant Chief Constable Nick Adderley with junior cadets at Etching Hill Primary School

A JUNIOR police cadets group is celebrating after attracting more than 2,000 youngsters to its ranks.

Staffordshire Police's junior police cadets scheme has seen its numbers swell since it started in 2014.

Set up by Staffordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Ellis, the scheme is for eight to 10-year-olds in primary schools in the county.

It came about after the original cadet scheme for 14 to 17-year-olds proved to be a success. A total of 2,016 youngsters have joined, and Mr Ellis has celebrated reaching this impressive milestone.

Groups of children take part in six one-hour sessions led by a Police Community Support Officer during school time, covering topics such as good behaviour, road safety, school security, police investigations and anti-social behaviour. Mr Ellis said: "It's fantastic that so many primary school children have now become Junior Police Cadets.

"The scheme is all about teaching young people the importance of being a responsible citizen and looking out for their community."

Mr Ellis is asking businesses to become patrons or sponsors of the cadets.

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A PENKRIDGE teenager helped to give females a voice in 2016 in her role as a Girlguiding Advocate. Charlotte Forrester, aged 17, is campaigning to end sexual harassment in schools.

She is part of a group of 18 young women aged 14-to-25 who help to direct the charity's research and advocacy work and campaign to make girls' voices heard.

As part of her role in campaigning to end sexual harassment in schools, Charlotte was interviewed by the BBC and Capital FM and has written blogs for the Girlguiding website.

Charlotte said her highlight of 2016 was attending the Million Women Rise protest in London to call for an end to violence against women and girls.

She said: "I got to share an empowering experience with a group of inspiring young women as well as many others who wished to also fight against gender based violence.

"It was an honour to represent Girlguiding for a worthy cause and demonstrate how young women are socially and politically engaged."

Charlotte joined the panel in 2015 and said being an Advocate has given her the opportunity to influence Girlguiding's campaigns and to use her voice to affect change. "Speaking to influencers like journalists and politicians and being able to take part in activism at such a young age is truly a privilege," she said.

"I'm looking forward to continuing to fight for the voices of young women and girls with my fellow advocates who strive to make change in the world."

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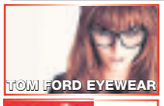

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Chatwin Jewellers has been serving the local community for over 20 years and has become a well known and respected part of Cannock town, with his experience at the bench Mr Dent has introduced an onsite work shop so that many repairs can be carried out in house including ring sizing, claw re-tipping work, bracelet and chain repairs and refinishing including rhodium plating. These services will be in addition to Chatwins existing services along with the same watch, gift ware and jewellery brands.
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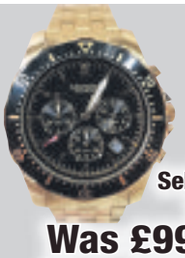

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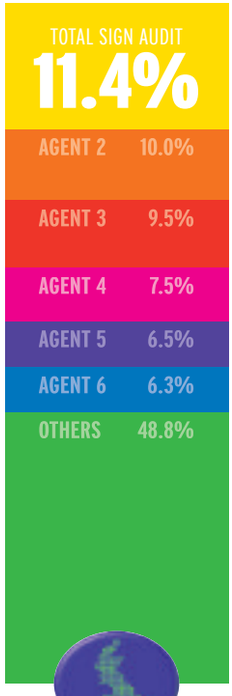

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Pye Green Road, Cannock

NEW TO MARKET!

£229,995

Superb versatile detached home Situated on the edge of Cannock Town Centre, In brief the living accommodation comprises of Entrance porch and hallway, front dining room , rear sitting room with double doors into a splendid conservatory, contemporary style kitchen with side door into a useful utility area and access to attached side garage. Externally the property benefits from a driveway offering parking for numerous vehicles whilst to the rear aspect is a pleasant enclosed garden with lawn and patio area, perfect for entertaining. To the first floor is a modern fitted family bathroom with white P- Shape bathroom suite and three well proportioned bedrooms. EPC = TBC

Wellington Drive Cannock

£129,995

- Two Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Refitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Lounge & Utility Room
- Ideal First Time Purchase
- Upstairs Shower Room
- EPC = D

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Lakeside Boulevard Bridgtown

£99,950

- New Build Coach House Apartment
- Well Presented Throughout
- Entrance Hall & Open Plan Lounge
- One Double Bedroom & Bathroom
- Garage & Allocated Parking
- EPC = B

Chaseley Croft Shoal Hill

£329,950

- Four Bedroom Detached House
- Sought After Locality
- Sitting Room & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility Room
- Double Garage
- EPC=D

Forrest Avenue Cannock

£140,000

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Lounge
- Modern Kitchen Diner
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- EPC = TBA

Cannock Road Penkridge

£72

- Two Bedroom Park
- Designed for Over
- Lounge
- Kitchen Diner
- Parking
- Gardens

South Close, Cannock

£245,000

Immaculately presented two bedroom detached bungalow is set on a generous plot offering close proximity to Cannock Town Centre. The property has been well presented throughout with accommodation comprising of : Entrance porch and welcoming entrance hall, two well proportioned double bedrooms, breakfast kitchen, rear porch/lobby area, modern fitted shower room and a spacious 23ft lounge diner with double doors opening onto the rear aspect. Externally the property benefits from a superb, well maintained rear garden offering a certain degree of privacy as well as a detached rear garage and a driveway for various vehicles. A viewing is warmly advised.EPC = E

Dorney Place Bridgtown

£102,950

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge Diner & Fitted Kitchen
- Allocated Parking
- Double glazing & Storage Heaters
- Ideal Investment
- EPC =TBC

Woodford End Chadsmoor

£35,000

- One Bedroom Maisonette
- 50% Shared Ownership
- Refitted White Gloss Kitchen
- Double Bedroom & Bathroom
- Ideal First Time Purchase
- EPC = D

Cannock Road Chase Terrace

£139,995

- Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms & Conservatory
- Two Well Proportioned Bedrooms
- Upstairs Bathroom with Separate Shower Cubicle
- Driveway & No Chain

East Cannock Ro Hednesford

£140

- Three Bedroom Se
- No Upward Chain
- Two Reception Ro
- Garden To Rear
- Off Road Parking T
- EPC = D

Burntwood Road Norton Canes

£185,000

- Four Bed Semi Detached
- Lounge Diner
- Kitchen/Utility Room
- Bathroom & Separate Shower
- Wooded Aspect to Rear
- EPC = F

Pye Green Road Cannock

£125,000

- Traditional Semi Detached House
- Two Well Proportioned Bedrooms
- Lounge & Refitted Kitchen
- Guest W.C & Upstairs Bathroom
- Conservatory & No Chain
- EPC = TBA

Hatherton Croft Shoal Hill

£599,995

- Detached Double Fronted
- High Quality Throughout
- Three Reception Rooms
- Two Ensuite Shower Rooms
- Double Garage
- EPC = TBC

Two Oaks Avenu Burntwood

£315

- Four Bedroom Det
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- Breakfast Kitchen
- Double Garage
- Refitted Ensuite Sh
- EPC = D

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Purcell Close, Heath Hayes

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This well presented four bedroom detached family home is set at the head of a Cul De Sac location. Set within good catchment for local schools and comfortable reach for local amenities, shops & public transport links this property is well suited to meet with the needs of a family purchaser. The accommodation comprises, Entrance hall, two reception rooms, impressive kitchen diner, downstairs guest W.C, Conservatory, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, further three well proportioned bedrooms and family bathroom. The property also benefits from double glazing, gas central heating, generous driveway providing ample parking, integral Garage and a lovely rear garden. EPC = C

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Heath Way
Heath Hayes

£115,000

- Mid Terraced House
- Two Bedrooms
- Well Presented Throughout
- Refitted Kitchen/Diner
- Driveway To Rear
- EPC = C

Park Road
Bloxwich

£89,950

- Traditional Mid Terrace House
- Close to Bloxwich High Street
- Lounge & Kitchen with Dining Area
- Two Bedrooms
- Ideal First Time Purchase
- EPC = D

Pye Green Road
Cannock

£109,950

- Improved Mid Terrace House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Rear Drive and Garden
- EPC = D

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Sanderling Close
Featherstone

£150,000

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Pleasant Cul De Sac Location
- Lounge Diner & Kitchen
- Integral Garage & Driveway
- Front, Side & Rear Gardens
- EPC = TBC

Cotswold Close
Hednesford

£150,000

- Semi Detached House
- Two First Floor Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Bed/Dining Room
- Two Bathrooms
- Forecourt Parking
- EPC = C

Condor Grove
Heath Hayes

£215,000

- Four Bedroom Detached House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen & Utility Room
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Garage & Driveway
- EPC = D

Weston Close, Heath Hayes

NEW TO MARKET!

£245,000

Four bedroom detached family home is located in the much sought after locality of Heath Hayes,Well suited to meet with the needs of a family, the property offers generous living accommodation throughout. Noted in particular for its superb fitted kitchen diner with integrated appliances,The Accommodation comprises, Entrance porch and hall, two reception rooms, Impressive fitted Kitchen diner with integrated appliances, Refitted Downstairs Guest W.C, Superb 16ft Conservatory, Master Bedroom with En-suite, further three bedrooms and refitted upstairs family bathroom. generous driveway providing ample parking, integral Garage and a lovely rear garden offering a good degree of privacy.EPC = D

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ached House
oms & Study
& Utility Room
ower Room

High Street
Chasetown

£290,000

- Extended Detached Bungalow
- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Impressive Lounge Diner
- Shower Room and Bathroom
- Viewing Recommended
- EPC = TBC

Church Street
Bridgtown

£119,950

- Traditional Mid Terrace House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Refitted Kitchen &
- Three Bedrooms & First Floor WC
- Central Heating & Double Glazing
- EPC = D

Wolverhampton Road
Cannock

£80,000

- Second Floor Apartment
- Easy Reach to Cannock Centre
- Two Well Proportioned Bedrooms
- Stylish Refitted Kitchen
- Storage Heaters & Double Glazing
- EPC = E

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CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED DETACHED HOUSE OFFERING 5 BEDROOMED FAMILY ACCOMMODATION
Located In a Prime Residential Area of the Town Close to the Shoal Hill District of Cannock Chase and Facilities at the Town Centre

- Entrance lobby and hall
- Cloakroom and study
- Lounge and dining area
- L Shaped breakfast kitchen
- 5 bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Integral garage and off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating tbc

£375,000 FREEHOLD

FLAT 5, TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT
Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village Of Penkridge

- Communal hall, stairs and landing
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- Two bedrooms
- Allocated parking space
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (80)

£149,950

14 KING CUP DRIVE, HUNTINGTON

WELL EQUIPPED 4 BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE OFFERING SPACIOUS FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION ARRANGE ON THREE FLOORS WITH SCHOOL GROUNDS TO REAR
Conveniently Located For Local Facilities and Access to Cannock Town Centre and Cannock Chase

- Lounge
- Open plan kitchen/ dining/family room
- Four bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Built on garage and extensive off road parking
- Gardens and school grounds to rear
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating B (82)

£228,950 FREEHOLD

FLAT 23 ROWAN CLOSE, HUNTINGTON

EXTREMELY WELL APPOINTED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Allocated parking space
- Inspection highly recommended
- EPC rating B (81)

£109,950

103 STAFFORD STREET, HEATH HAYES

NO CHAIN

THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Position Convenient For Facilities at the Village Centre

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Integral garage
- Gardens
- All windows double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating tbc

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- Fitted kitchen
- Utility room and cloakroom
- Four double bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room and family bathroom
- Garage
- Well stocked gardens with stream
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (71)

£269,950 FREEHOLD

1 NIRVANA CLOSE, CANNOCK

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED DETACHED DORMER STYLE FAMILY RESIDENCE OFFERING SPACIOUS FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION INCORPORATING 3/4 DOUBLE BEDROOMS OCCUPYING WELL STOCKED CORNER PLOT GROUNDS WITH SOUTH WEST FACING REAR GARDENS LOCATED IN MUCH SOUGHT AFTER RESIDENTIAL AREA CONVENIENT FOR SHOAL HILL DISTRICT OF CANNOCK CHASE AND FACILITIES AT THE TOWN CENTRE

- ❖Impressive Central Reception Hall
- ❖Refitted Cloaks/Shower Room
- ❖Impressive Lounge
- ❖Dining Room/Bedroom 4
- ❖Refitted Kitchen
- ❖Dining/Breakfast Area
- ❖Utility Room
- ❖Bedroom 2
- Landing❖
- Two Double Bedrooms❖
- Bathroom with WC❖
- Separate Toilet❖
- Built-On Double Width Garage❖
- Well Stocked Corner Plot Gardens❖
- Gas Fired Central Heating & Fully Double Glazed❖
- EPC Rating E (53)❖

❖Well Maintained Private Corner Plot Gardens Extending to Approximately 0.307 Of An Acre❖

PRICE £499,950 : FREEHOLD

80 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE
Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of The Town Close to the Shoal Hill District of Cannock Chase and Cannock Park to Rear

- Two reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen, utility room and cloakroom
- Double glazed conservatory
- Four bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Integral garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Intruder alarm
- Part double glazed and gas central heating
- EPC rating E (52)

£399,950 FREEHOLD

HADLEIGH HOUSE, 55 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

SUPERBLY APPOINTED INDIVIDUAL ARCHITECT DESIGNED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE OFFERING OUTSTANDING FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS AND FIVE RECEPTION ROOMS INCORPORATING HIGH SPECIFICATION INTELIGENT HOME HUB FACILITIES OCCUPYING EXCEPTIONALLY WELL POSITIONED PLOT WHICH EXTENDS TO APPROXIMATELY 0.42 OF AN ACRE LOCATED IN THIS PRIME RESIDENTIAL AREA OF THE TOWN CLOSE TO TOWN CENTRE FACILITIES AND THE SHOAL HILL DISTRICT OF CANNOCK

- ❖Recessed Canopy Porch
- ❖Impressive Reception Hall
- ❖Cloakroom
- ❖Five Reception Rooms
- ❖Bespoke Luxury Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- ❖Utility Room
- ❖Central Galleried Landing
- ❖Four Double Bedrooms
- Two En-Suite Shower Rooms❖
- Luxury Family Bathroom❖
- Useful Attic Room❖
- Garaging For Three Cars❖
- Cloakroom off Main Garage❖
- Fully Double Glazed & Gas Fired Central Heating❖
- Intruder Alarm and CCTV❖
- EPC Rating C (71)❖

❖Home Network with Audio Visual and Surround Sound System❖
❖Landscaped South Facing Rear Gardens Which Extends to Approximately 0.42 Of An Acre With "In and Out" Drive❖
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- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Principal bathroom and ensuite
- Front and rear gardens
- Garage
- Fully double glazed & gas central heating
- EPC rating D (61)

£189,950

7 LOVATT PLACE, CANNOCK

THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities at the Town Centre

- Lounge & dining area
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Garage
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating tbc

£149,950

67 APPLE WALK, HEATH HAYES

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED ONE BEDROOMED MEWS HOUSE OFFERING EASY TO MAINTAIN ACCOMMODATION OVERLOOKING PUBLIC OPEN SPACE/NATURE RESERVE TO FRONT Conveniently Located For Facilities

- Double glazed enclosed porch
- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen area
- Bedroom
- Refitted bathroom
- Allocated parking space
- Well maintained foregarden
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating C (75)

£103,950 LEASEHOLD

14 BRINDLEY BANK ROAD, RUGELEY

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW Located in Popular Cul-De-Sac

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room
- Bathroom
- Gardens and off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating tbc

£215,000 FREEHOLD

3 OLD PENKRIDGE MEWS, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED ONE BEDROOMED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENTConveniently Located For All Facilities At The Town Centre

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Shower Room
- Fully double glazed
- Allocatd parking space & communal grounds
- Gas fired central heating
- Security phone system
- EPC rating C (71)

£90,000

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3 CHARLEMONTE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

RECENTLY REFURBISHED THREE BEDROOM MID TERRACE HOUSELocated In Popular Residential Area

- Enclosed porch
- Dining area
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed & gas central heating
- Garage in court
- Off road parking to front
- EPC rating D (56)

£129,950 FREEHOLD

40 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE WITH FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION INCLUDING SELF CONTAINED FLAT SUITABLE FOR EXTENDED FAMILY OCCUPYING MATURE WELL STOCKED GARDENS EXTENDING TO 0.4 OF AN ACRE LOCATED IN MUCH SOUGHT AFTER RESIDENTIAL AREA OF THE TOWN ADJOINING CANNOCK PARK TO THE REAR

- ❖Canopy Porch
- ❖Reception Hall
- ❖Lounge
- ❖Dining Room
- ❖Breakfast Kitchen
- ❖Inner Hall
- ❖Utility Room
- ❖Cloakroom with WC
- ❖Play/Hobby/Games Room❖
- ❖Central Landing❖
- ❖Five Bedrooms❖
- ❖Ensuite Bathroom❖
- ❖Ensuite Shower Room❖
- ❖Family Bathroom❖
- ❖Integral Double Width Garage❖
- ❖Extensive Mature Landscaped Gardens❖
- ❖Inspection Essential❖
- Self Contained Flat Incorporating❖ Landing❖
- Lounge/Kitchen Area❖
- Bedroom❖
- Shower Room❖
- Gas Fired Central Heating❖
- Fully Double Glazed❖
- Intruder Alarm❖

PRICE £615,000 : FREEHOLD

11 DARTMOUTH ROAD, CANNOCK

THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE BUILT IN THE POPULAR INTER WAR PERIOD Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of The Town Convenient For Access To Facilities at the Town Centre

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Built On Garage
- Predominantly double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating E (51)

£229,950 FREEHOLD

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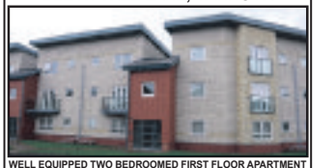

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT
Located In Popluar Residential Area Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Reception hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Security phone system
- Allocated parking space
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating:B (81)

£495 pcm

12 SAM BARBER COURT, HEATH HAYES

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Economy 7 electric heating
- Fully double glazed
- Communal grounds & allocated parking
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating D (68)

£465pcm

4 RICKYARD PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

TWO BEDROOM BARN CONVERSION
Located On The Picturesque Country Estate of Teddesley Park

- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Oil fired central heating
- Enclosed foregarden
- Communal grounds & parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating B (82)

£595pcm

17 PILLATON DRIVE, HUNTINGTON

DETACHED THREE BEDROOM HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-de-sac

- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: D (64)

£745 pcm

34 CHASELEY AVENUE, CANNOCK

SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Cul-de-sac In Sought After Shoal Hill Area

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Utility room
- Three bedrooms
- Shower room
- Built-on garage
- Off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, smokers or pets allowed
- EPC rating: C (69)

£600 pcm

3 OAKDENE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- En-suite shower room & family bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Integral garage
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (77)

£865 pcm

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- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Double glazed
- Electric heating
- Off road parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: F (32)

£395pcm

45 LONG LANE, NEWTOWN

REFURBISHED SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOWLocated In Sought After Area With Farmland To Rear

- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Separate WC
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Large gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (66)

£825 pcm

12 BIRCH TREE LANE, PEAR TREE ESTATE, RUGELEY

REFURBISHED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

- Reception hall
- Two reception rooms
- Refitted kitchen
- Utility room and cloakroom
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating D (61)

£550 pcm

4 LANCASTER HOUSE, HEATH HAYES

ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance lobby
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Electric heating
- All windows double glazed
- Sorry No smokers or pets
- DSS considered
- EPC rating C (76)

£395 pcm

1 SPINDLEWOOD CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Sought After Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Gardens
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- EPC rating: D (63)

£600pcm

2 TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT
Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village of Penkridge

- Communal hall, stairs & landing
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room & bathroom
- Allocated parking space
- Gas fired central heating & fully double glazed
- Intruder alarm & Security phone system
- EPC rating C (74)

£575pcm

64 SWEETBRIAR WAY, HEATH HAYES

REFURBISHED SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM MID MEWS HOUSE
Located In Sought After Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (73)

£675pcm

45 NORTON TERRACE, NORTON CANES

DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM MID TOWN HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Double bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking
- Garden to front
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: C (71)

£450 pcm

44 ROWLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Adjoining Cannock Chase To The Rear

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Separate WC
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- DSS considered
- Sorry no pets or smokers
- EPC rating: G (15)

£120pw

2 DAIRY COTTAGE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

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Located On The Picturesque Estate of Teddesley Park

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- Utility room & cloakroom with WC
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- Shower room
- Oil fired central heating
- Communal parking & gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating D (67)

£600pcm

9 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT
Convenient For Cannock Town Centre

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Allocated parking space
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£495 pcm

6 LOVE LANE PARK HOMES, LOVE LANE, RUGELEY

NEWLY REFURBISHED ONE BEDROOM PARK HOME SITUATED IN WELL MAINTAINED PARK HOME DEVELOPMENT
Convenient For Facilities Locally

- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Shower room
- Bedroom
- Off road parking
- Gardens & decked terrace
- LPG central heating
- Fully double glazed
- For persons aged 50 and over
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers

£435.00 pcm

39 TOWER VIEW ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Fully double glazed
- Electric heating
- Communal grounds and parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (63)

£475 pcm

3 CORNWALL ROAD, HEDNESFORD

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located In Popular Residential Area Of The Town Covenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Recessed porch area & Reception hall
- Lounge with kitchen area
- Two double bedrooms
- Wet room shower room
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- Carport
- Easy to maintain gardens
- Gas fired central heating & fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating D (60)

£650pcm

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LOCATED IN POPULAR AREA WITHIN AN EXCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT

- Cloakroom with WC
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- Study & family room
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- Family bathroom
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- Gardens & double garage
- EPC rating: C (76)

£1350pcm

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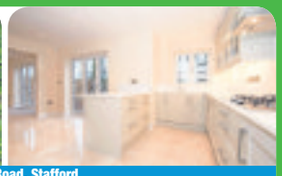

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£270,000

Meriden Close, Cannock

- Detached Bungalow
- 3 Bedrooms
- Very Spacious
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Cul De Sac Location
- Garage
- No Upward Chain
- EPC - TBC

£267,500

George Street, Hednesford

- Impressive Corner Plot
- Two Bed Detached Bungalow
- Double Garage
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory & Guest WC
- Landscaped Gardens
- No Upward Chain

£235,000

Keys Park Road, Wimblebury

- Detached Family Home
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Ensuite
- Modern Kitchen & Utility
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory & Guest WC
- Large Block Paved Drive

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Weston Road, Stafford

- Detached House on End Plot
- Very Well Presented
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Detached Garage
- Good Size Front and Rear Gradens
- Must Be Viewed

£190,000

Mill Crescent, Heath Hayes

- Three Bed Semi
- Rear Facing Lounge/Diner
- Converted Garage
- Ensuite & Bathroom
- Modern Rent
- Popular Location
- Rear Garden Not Overlooked

£165,000

Earlswood Way, Cannock

- Modern Townhouse
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Downstairs WC
- Stylish Kitchen Diner
- Two Car Driveway

£165,000

Carlisle Road, Cannock

- Three Bedroom Semi
- Living Room & Guest WC
- Kitchen & Dining Area
- Front & Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- No Upward Chain

£145,000

Mosswood Street, Cannock

- Semi-Detached Home
- 3 Bedrooms
- Comprehensively Improved
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Alarmed
- No Chain
- EPC - E

£126,950

Wordsworth Close, Cannock

- Semi - Detached Bungalow
- 2 Bedrooms
- Lounge / Diner
- Small Cul-de-sac
- Driveway
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- No Chain
- EPC - C

£125,000

Chase Walk, Huntington

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Spacious Living Room
- Secure Off Road Parking
- Gas Combi Central Heating
- Fully Upvc Double Glazed
- Recently Rewired
- No Upward Chain

£110,000

Charlemonte Close, Hednesford

- Three Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Fully Upvc Double Glazing
- Part Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage In Block

£120,000

TO LET

Acacia Grove, Wimblebury

- Reception porch
- Hallway
- Fitted kitchen with appliances
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- Bedroom with fitted wardrobes
- Shower room

£525pcm Sorry no dss and no pets

TO LET

Gorsey Lane, Cannock

- Victorian End Terarrace
- Lounge With Feature Fire Place
- Dining Room
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Garden

£600pcm Sorry no dss and no pets

TO LET

Teddesley Way, Huntington

- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom with shower
- Garden

£625pcm Sorry no dss and No pets

TO LET

Tudor Close, Burntwood

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- Through Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage

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- Driveway to fore
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- Viewing highly recommended

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BLOXWICH

- A spacious three bedroom house
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge and dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garden to rear
- Driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating

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HEATH HAYES
HOBBY WAY

- Two bedroom apartment
- Ideal first time buy
- Open plan lounge
- Modern fitted Kitchen
- Entrance Hallway
- Modern fitted bathroom
- Popular location
- Allocated parking
- Awaiting EPC rating

£114,950

CANNOCK
PENNINE DRIVE

- Spacious Three bedroom Detached
- Gas central heating, double glazing
- Lounge, dining room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen, utility
- Family bathroom
- Good sized rear garden
- Driveway and garage
- EPC rating D

£239,950

HEATH HAYES
MILL CRESCENT

- Immaculate Three Bedroom
- Modern fitted kithcen
- Modern fitted bathroom
- Master with En-suite
- Study/playroom
- Ample parking
- Enclosed rear garden
- Waiting EPC rating

£160,000

HEATH HAYES
SALISBURY DRIVE

- Four bedroom detached
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Re-fitted bathroom & En-suite
- Lounge,Dining room
- Conservatory, Study
- Garage, Driveway
- Private enclosed garden
- Early viewing essential
- Awaiting EPC rating

£249,950

CANNOCK
VIOLET CLOSE

- Modern two bedroom apartment
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking
- Ideal first time buy
- EPC rating B

£45,000 40% share

CANNOCK
LONGFORD ROAD

- Traditional Three bedroom
- Lounge, dining room
- Breakfast kitchen
- Family Bathroon ● Conservatory
- Enclosed Rear garden
- Garage & Driveway
- Popular location
- NO CHAIN
- EPC rating E

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- Awaiting EPC rating
- NO CHAIN

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HEDNESFORD
WHITETHORNE CLOSE

- A three bedroom semi detched house
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge/diner, kitchen
- Conservatory, guest cloakroom
- Garage room (currently used as bedroom)
- Bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden
- Driveway
- Awaiting EPC Rating

£166,000

HEDNESFORD
STAFFORD LANE

- A unique 3 bedroom bungalow
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Dining room
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Good sized rear gaarden
- Driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating

£160,000

CHESLYN HAY
STATION STREET

- A traditional two bedroom end terraced
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining room
- Kitchen, utility
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Good sized rear garden
- IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY

£128,000

NORTON CANES
GLASS HOUSE

- Brand new executive four bedroom
- Individually designed
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining, family room
- Kitchen and utility
- Two bedrooms with ensuites
- Guest clockroom
- Garden front and rear
- Garage

£269,950

CHESLYN HAY
WOOD GREEN

- Three bedroom detached
- Fitted Kitchen, Utility Area
- Extended Lounge
- Dining Room
- Three good size bedrooms
- Family bathroom, WC
- Garage & driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating
- Cul-de-sac location

£175,000

HEDNESFORD
BOND WAY

- Immaculate Four bedroom detached
- Fully reburished by current owners
- Modern fitted breakfast kitchen
- Modern fitted bathroom
- Gust WC, Study/playroom
- Driveway, enclosed rear garden
- Popular cul-de-sac location
- Viewing STRONGLEY recommended
- EPC rating D

£224,995

CANNOCK
JAMES STREET

- A refurbished semi detached
- Gas central heating and double glazed
- Lounge, Refitted kitchen/family room
- Utility, Two good sized bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden and garage
- Ideal first time buy
- EPC rating E

£119,950

CANNOCK
DEVON ROAD

- Ground floor apartment
- Walking distance to town centre
- One bedroom
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Lounge
- Rear garden
- Ideal investment

£56,995

CANNOCK
HATHERTON CROFT

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Sought after location
- Re-fitted breakfast kitchen
- Guest WC, Utility, Study
- Conservatory, Gallery landing
- Family bathroom, En-suite
- Double Garage
- Lounge, Dining room
- EPC rating D

£359,950

HEDNESFORD
EBENEZER STREET

- A three bed detached house
- In need of modernisation
- Gas central heaing and double glazing
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen, outside WC
- Family bathroom
- Garden, driveway and garage
- EPC rating D

£149,950

SHOAL HILL
ROWAN ROAD

- A three bedroom semi detached house
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge and dining area
- Conservatory, kitchen.
- Kitchen
- Refitted shower room
- Garden to rear
- Garage and driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating

£169,950

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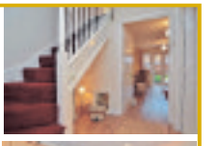
£260,000

BRACKEN WAY
RUGELEY

A three bedroomed end terraced property ideal for a first time buyer or investment in a popular location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hallway, Kitchen and L Shaped Lounge. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to Front and Rear. Detached Garage. EPC Rating - TBC

£119,000



CHESTER ROAD, RUGELEY

A well presented modern end terraced property in a popular and sought after location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Through Hallway, Guest W.C., Kitchen and Lounge. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated Parking and Garden to Rear. EPC Rating - TBC

£152,500

BIRCH LANE , BRERETON

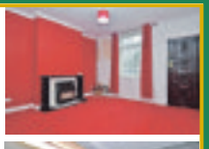
A traditional three bedroomed semi detached family home in a popular location. UPVC Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating. Entrance Porch, Hallway, Kitchen, Lounge Diner, Conservatory and Downstairs Bathroom with Separate W.C. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms. Large Driveway with Off Road Parking, Gardens to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - D

£150,000

ST MICHAELS ROAD
BRERETON

A modern well presented two bedroomed mid terraced property in a popular location ideal for investor or first time buyer and is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Through Hallway, Guest W.C, Kitchen and Lounge. First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Rear Garden. Allocated Parking. EPC RATING - C

£130,000



CANNOCK ROAD, HEDNESFORD

A two bedroomed mid terraced property ideal for investment or for a first time buyer is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Cental Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Lounge, Kitchen/Diner and Downstairs Bathroom. First Floor Landing and Two Bedrooms. Garden to Rear. EPC Rating - D

£99,950

MAIN ROAD
BRERETON

Located close to local amenities this two bedroomed ground floor flat offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN an ideal for investors or for a first time buyer. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Inner Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated parking. EPC RATING - B

£99,995

PARK VIEW TERRACE , RUGELEY

A traditional three bedroomed terraced property, ideal for investment or for a first time buyer. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazed. Entrance Hall, Lounge and Kitchen Diner. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom, Garden to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - TBC

£117,500

DOBREE CLOSE
COLWICH

A ground floor two bedroomed flat in a popular village location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Porch, Lounge, Kitchen. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden and Two Parking Spaces. EPC RATING - D

£110,000

LOVETT COURT
RUGELEY

A spacious mid terraced property ideal for investment or a first time buyer offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge/Diner and Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to Front and Rear. EPC Rating E

£99,950

ARCH STREET, RUGELEY

A good sized well presented three bedroomed mid terraced property within walking distance to Town Centre and local amenities and is being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room and Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Shared Courtyard Garden. EPC Rating - E

£125,000

TITHEBARN ROAD
RUGELEY

A four bedroomed dormer bungalow with no upward chain. Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating. Accommodation comprises Entrance Hallway,Kitchen,Lounge,Wet Room and Two Ground Floor Bedrooms. Stairs to two further Bedrooms. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING - E

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£139,950

TALBOT STREET
RUGELEY

A traditional three bedroomed detached family home offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Porch, Hallway, Two Reception Rooms, Kitchen Diner, Utility Room and Shower Room. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to Front and Rear. Parking to Rear. EPC Rating - E

£245,000

SCHOLARS GATE
BRERETON

A well presented three bedroomed semi detached family home in a popular location. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Entrance Hallway, Lounge and Kitchen/ Diner. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garage and Off Road Parking. Garden to Front and Rear. Viewing Recommended. EPC RATING - D

£162,500

BRERETON MEWS
BRERETON

Two bedroom first floor flat comprising of Hall, spacious Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances, Bathroom with shower and Two Double Bedrooms. Allocated Parking. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating C
DEPOSIT £760

£550 pcm

ARCH STREET
RUGELEY

Spacious semi-detached property comprising of Dining Room, Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances, ground floor Shower Room. Two double Bedrooms. Garden at rear. On road parking. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKING. EPC Rating E
DEPOSIT £725

£525 pcm

THE LAURELS
BRERETON

A two bedroomed mid terraced bungalow in a sheltered housing complex. Accommodation comprises Entrance Porch, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Shower Room. Communal Parking and Communal Gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING - D

£105,000

BELLAMOUR LANE
COLTON

Character cottage in rural location. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloaks, Lounge with feature fireplace, Dining Room with Inglenook fireplace, Kitchen with range cooker. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom with shower cubicle. Gardens to rear. Secure gated off road parking. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating D.
Deposit £1100

£795 pcm

TALBOT STREET
RUGELEY

Mid terraced property close to town centre benefiting from double glazing. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances. Ground floor re-fitted Shower Room. Two Double Bedrooms. Courtyard garden to rear.VIEWING RECOMMENDEDNO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating G
DEPOSIT £637

£460 pcm

WOLSELEY ROAD, RUGELEY

A well presented three/four bedroomed extended family home. Offering Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Utility, Playroom/4th Bedroom and Conservatory. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garage with Off Road Parking. Gardens to Front and Rear. Viewing Highly Recommended. EPC Rating - E

£280,000

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RUGELEY

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DEPOSIT £962

£685 pcm

HOWELL MEWS
RUGELEY

A modern second floor apartment. Electric heating and Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances,Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, En- suite Shower Room to Master Bedroom. Electric heating and Double Glazing. Garage and Allocated parking. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS.
DEPOSIT £755

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£295,000

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DEPOSIT £1377

£995 pcm

OLD SCHOOL MEWS
BRERETON

Modern converted property benefiting from Gas Central Heating. Entrance Hall, Kitchen with some appliances, Lounge, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated Parking. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS
EPC Rating D
DEPOSIT £726.00

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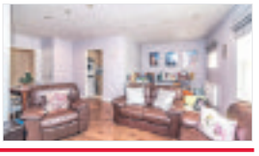
Union Street, Bridgetown
£110,000



Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this two bedroom first floor apartment, located in Cannock briefly comprises of lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms - master having en-suite, bathroom and communal parking. Energy rating: Awaited.

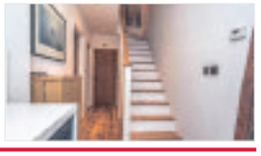
Beech Court, Mount Street
£112,950

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this two bedroom semi-detached property located in Hednesford.

The property briefly comprises of hall, lounge, kitchen / diner, conservatory, two bedrooms, bathroom and garden.

Energy rating: awaited.

Dartmouth Mews, Dartmouth Road
£129,950



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Pye Green Road, Hednesford
£149,950

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this immaculately presented three bedroom semi detached on the popular Pye Green Road. The property comprises of entrance hall with stairs to first floor and doors into a storage cupboard, lounge, dining room (which then leads to a kitchen). The first floor comprises of landing with doors to the bathroom and three bedrooms. Outside to the front of the property is a gravel driveway suitable for multiple cars. To the rear there is a patio with with a path way leading through a lawn area. Energy rating: D.

Manor Avenue, Great Wyrley
£160,000

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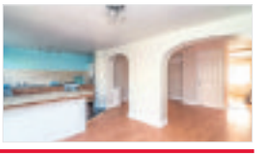

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£210,000

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Wootton Close, Heath Hayes
£220,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this FOUR bedroom detached house situated in Heath Hayes.

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On the first floor the property briefly comprises of a landing, family bathroom with airing cupboard, FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS with the master benefiting from having.

To the front there is a large driveway which provides parking for multiple cars, and to the rear there is a entertaining patio area and separate lawn area.

High Street, Cheslyn Hay
£250,000

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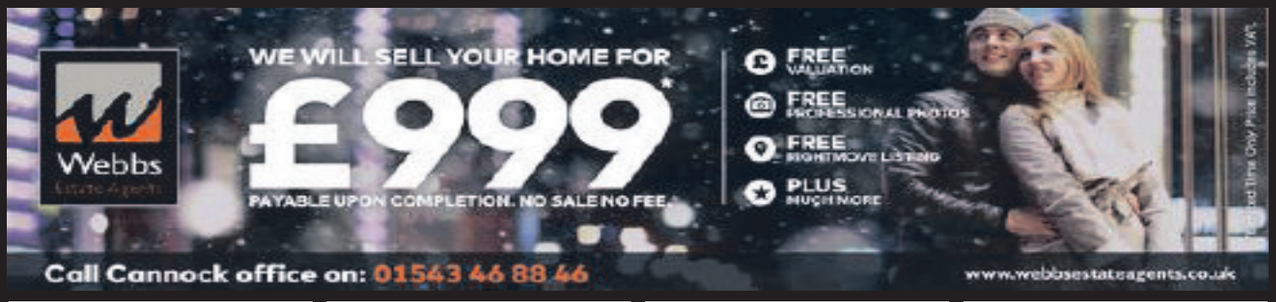

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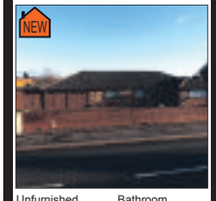

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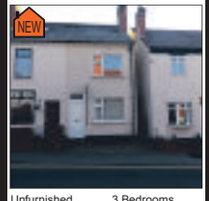

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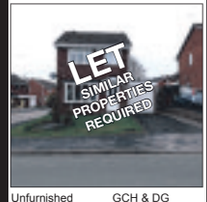

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Lucy o-Kay with range of big roles

Lucy in her role at the Grand Theatre

Lucy Kay shot to fame when she sang her way to the final of Britain's Got Talent in 2014.

The 27-year-old's singing career duly delivered, securing a record deal with Sony and then her debut album, Fantasia, shooting to No1 on the classical music charts.

She performed the national anthem for the 2014 Community Shield football match at Wembley in front of 80,000 alongside one of the most iconic and influential performers in opera, Andrea Bocelli.

She then topped off a remarkable year with a performance fit for royalty, singing in front of Prince Andrew, Sarah Ferguson and their two daughters along with a long line of A-listers at a private dinner held at Windsor Castle in aid of Children in Crisis.

It has been a real rags to riches story for this year's Wolverhampton pantomime princess.

It wasn't always glitz and glamour for the Leicester-born singer, who admits growing up was difficult without her father, who left when she was a baby, and bullies made much of her early life miserable. She said: "Growing up was a struggle, my childhood wasn't one you'd hope for for your children. With my dad leaving when I was born, I took that hard and assumed it was my fault.

"Apparently as I was growing up, I was always asking strangers, men, if they were my dad, which for my mum was really embarrassing. From that, when I used to make friends I used to be more needy than most, people took advantage of that which set me up for being bullied. We moved to quite a poor area of Mansfield where I got bullied for being from a different area.

"Then when I started singing, as it was classical, I got bullied for that too.

"As well as the mental abuse, there was physical abuse, I have scars from cigarettes they put out on my chest.

"It got to a point in my life where I thought, 'I'm not sure if I want to be here', and it's sad for a child to think like that."

While school bullies may have fulfilled the role of the cruel step-sisters as in Cinderella, there was a trio of strong women who stepped forward to play the role of the fairy godmother. Her mother, Glenis, proved to be a supportive role model throughout her youth and Lucy confesses it was her encouragement which got her to where she is.

Other contenders for the role include Pamela Cook, founder of Cantamus, the choir she would later join. "She helped me financially and to get to uni, she unfortunately passed away before I went on Britain's Got Talent, she would have been proud."

Elaine Guy, also from the choir group, home-tutored Lucy free of charge to resit her GCSEs and take her A-levels so she'd get into music college. She'd failed her GCSEs fist time round down to the bullying she suffered.

Lucy's big break came when she appeared in front of 2,000 people and four intimidating judges on TV show Britain's Got Talent, with 11 million people watching at home.

An edited version of proceedings didn't show Lucy sing Who Wants To Live Forever by Queen, a song chosen by the BGT producers. It was a track she wasn't comfortable singing, resulting in Simon Cowell stopping her, telling it was a bad audition and asked her for another song.

What made the cut was her version of opera song Vissi d'arte, leaving the audience and judges stunned and a standing ovation followed.

Successful

She finished runner-up in the competition and then went on to sing on several successful tours proving hugely popular as a contemporary soprano. However this year Lucy took to the stage in a different form – as the narrator in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, which proved popular at the Grand Theatre.

She said: "I was really nervous at Joseph but I got through it and I had good reviews fortunately – I had a week to learn everything."

As in all fairytales, it's happily ever after for Lucy as she's currently playing Princess Jasmine in Aladdin and thriving in her latest role.

She said: "I love the cast in Aladdin, we all get on so well and we have a good laugh when things go wrong too, which is really important."

And Lucy is enjoying her second stay in Wolverhampton, after doing a bit of shopping in the city . "The Grand is a really nice venue with the revamp and Bohemians [situated across Lichfield Street] is a great bar, I love it there. Slater's is really nice too, we had our Christmas party there, everyone was really friendly."

Aladdin runs at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre until January 22.

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Gales free

'Unfortunately, you have to go through some things to be free', says Memphis-born Eric Gales.

"Now, I feel the most free I've ever been in life, even more so than when I was a kid," he opens up. "You gotta help yourself man, once you can help yourself you can genuinely help someone else."

His new album, Middle Of The Road, will be released on February 24. "It's about being fully focussed and centred in the middle of the road. If you're on the wrong side and in the gravel you're not too good and if you're on the median strip that's not too good either, so being in the middle of the road is the best place to be."

It is Gales' fourth album on Provogue/Mascot label Group after Transformation (2011), Relentless (2010) and The Psychedelic Underground (2007) and it sees him at his most expressive yet. It is a deeply personal and reflective record that echoes where he is in his life right now and he opens himself up and allows himself the chance to really flourish.

It's well documented that Gales was a child prodigy and heralded as the second coming of Jimi Hendrix when he released his debut album The Eric Gales Band in 1991 as a 16-year-old on Elektra Records. It was the first of 10 albums on a major label through a blistering career. He has released 14 studio albums in total ahead of Middle of the Road and a host of other collaborations, one of which led him to work with producer Fabrizio Grossi.

Lie-in King

A funnyman described by one national newspaper as 'unquestionably the best observational comic of his generation' is heading to Telford.

Lie-in King Seann Walsh has also been described as 'one of comedy's hottest properties...very talented, very funny'.

He has also previously toured successful show Ying and Young with fellow comedian Josh Widdicombe.

He will bring his new show to Oakengates Theatre @ The Place on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 8pm.

Venue spokesman Chris Kowalik said: "As star of Channel 4's Stand Up For The Week and BBC1's Live At The Apollo, you might have seen Seann on TV, but he's something else live – pacing the stage, working the room and reducing crowds to hysterics. Even if he'd probably rather be at home watching Sky Sports News."

The show received positive press after being unveiled at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and fans can look forward to the usual oddball looks at everyday life from Seann.

Tickets for The Lie-in King at Oakengates Theatre @ The Place are £15.

They are on sale now and can be booked online at **www.theplacetelford.com** or by calling the box office on 01952 382382, or in person at the theatre or Southwater One in Telford Town Centre.

Hungry show

One of the most iconic characters in children's literature will be arriving in Birmingham next month when The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show plays at New Alexandra Theatre for two nights from Monday, January 30 following a West End run.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show will feature a menagerie of 75 enchanting puppets during a magical 60-minute show that faithfully adapts four of Eric Carle's best-loved books for the stage: The Artist Who Painted A Blue Horse, Mister Seahorse, The Very Lonely Firefly and, of course, The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Eric Carle's books have captivated generations of readers with their iconic hand-painted illustrations and distinctively simple stories, introducing millions of children to a bigger, brighter world, and to their first experience of reading itself.

His best-known work, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, has nibbled its way into the hearts of millions of children all over the world. It has been translated into 62 languages and sold more than 43 million copies, remaining one of the top 10 best-selling children's books of all time.

Since it was first published in 1969, Eric Carle has illustrated more than 70 books, most of which he also wrote, and more than 132 million copies of his books have sold around the world.

Strictly special start to the year

The Strictly Come Dancing glitterball champions 2016 Ore Oduba and Joanne Clifton, who will be replaced by Karen Clifton

THE final line-up for has been announced for the Strictly Come Dancing Live Tour – including dates later this month in Birmingham.

The show will feature 2016 winner Ore Oduba but instead of his glitterball winning partner Joanne Clifton, he will be dancing with her fellow professional (and sister-in-law) Karen Clifton.

Joanne is preparing to star in the UK tour of musical Thoroughly Modern Millie, which visits Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre in February.

Also in the Strictly show rom January 20 to 22 at Birmingham's Barclaycard Arena will be Louise Redknapp with Kevin Clifton, Danny Mac and Oti Mabuse, people's favourite Ed Balls with Katya Jones, Daisy Lowe and Aljaž Skorjanec and Lesley Joseph with Gorka Marquez.

Completing the line-up are professional dancers Giovanni Pernice, Janette Manrara, AJ Pritchard, Chloe Hewitt, Oksana Platero and Neil Jones. The celebrities and pro dancers will be joined by judges Len Goodman, Craig Revel Horwood, who also directs the show, and Karen Hardy. The 2017 tour host is Anita Rani.

The show kicks off in Birmingham on Friday (20) at 7.30pm, Saturday (21) at 2.30pm and 7.30pm and Sunday (22) at 1.30pm and 6.30pm. Tickets are on sale from www.theticketfactory.com or by calling 0844 33 88 222. For more information, visit www.strictlycomedancinglive.com

Comeback king Craig

HIS was one of the biggest comeback stories of 2016.

Craig David returned to fame with his latest album, Following My Intuition, released in September. It gave him his first No1 record since his debut, Born To Do It, in 2000.

The singer will build on that success this year when he hits the UK for an arena tour, including Birmingham's Barclaycard Arena on March 24. He has sold more than 15 million albums, achieved 16 Top 10 hits and multi-platinum status in more than 20 countries. The star has been nominated for 12 Brit Awards, including three times for Best British Male.

Fifteen years ago, he was one of the biggest stars in Britain – then almost overnight Bo' Selecta! Turned him into a national joke. "That whole Bo' Selecta! thing wasn't affecting me the way people thought; I just wanted to get on with making music. But I know there were a lot of mixed messages from me. I let the music do the talking," says Craig, who moved to Miami and lived the superstar lifestyle.

"I enjoyed my time and I'm not going to paint myself as an angel. I had an amazing time. But was it fulfilling? No. Did I find myself in any of it? No. Were the quality of the relationships great? Not really. I've got this renewed love for music and being back in that melting pot. The UK is so where it's at, you can't help but feed off all the different styles.

"The last Number 1 I had was with Born To Do It 16 years ago so to have another and to share it with so many amazing people – it's surreal."

Muscom all shook up by Elvis songs

WOLVERHAMPTON Musical Comedy Company (Muscom) will return to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre this spring with a musical based on the hits of Elvis Presley.

All Shook Up will run from March 14 to 18 and has a story based on the Shakespeare's Twelfth Night but set in 1950s America.

University of Oxford student Liam Sargeant will play guitar-playing roustabout Chad, who rides into squaresville to turn the life of lovely young mechanic Natalie, played by Katie Astbury, upside down. The pair also starred together in Muscom's Legally Blonde in 2015.

Goodfellas back on the big screen

FANS of Martin Scorsese's classic gangster movie Goodfellas can relive it on the big screen at Vue Cinema venues across the country after the 1990 film got a 4k restoration.

On January 22 and 26 Goodfellas will be reissued as part of the BFI's season dedicated to director Martin Scorsese at Star City, off the M6.

It tells the violent story of mobsters Jimmy Conway (Robert De Niro) and the volatile Tommy DeVito (Joe Pesci) who introduce recruit Henry Hill (Ray Liotta) to the Italian-American underworld. Screenings are at 7.30pm on both days. See www.myvue.com

Jump and jive with King Pleasure

KING Pleasure and the Biscuit Boys' zany stage show sometimes belies the fact that they are one of the finest bands celebrating early rhythm and blues bands to come from outside the USA.

The Brum-based band carries a guarantee of great swinging music and high entertainment value and last year the high-octane jump and jive outfit were spreading their message throughout Europe promoting their 11th CD Live at Last.

King Pleasure and the Biscuit Boys are performing at Artrix Theatre in Bromsgrove on Saturday, then at Bilston's Robin 2 on January 26 with Ricky Cool.

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CHOICE

Tom Hardy

Taboo
(BBC1, 9.15pm)
New series. Historical drama starring Tom Hardy as adventurer James Delaney, who reappears in London in 1814 after being presumed dead in Africa many years before, and seeks vengeance for the death of his father. Set to inherit what is left of his family's shipping empire, his arrival not only threatens to disrupt the plans of his half-sister Zilpha and her husband Thorne, but also the political ambitions of the mighty East India Company, chaired by Sir Stuart Strange. Oona Chaplin, Jefferson Hall and Jonathan Pryce also star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Best Dishes Ever. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Live Athletics – Great Edinburgh Cross Country. Coverage from Holyrood Park. **3.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Final Score. **5.20** BBC News. **5.30** Regional Programme. **5.40** Celebrity Mastermind. Famous faces settle into the black chair to answer questions on their chosen subjects. The second round sees them putting their general knowledge to the test in a bid to carry off the commemorative trophy.

6.10 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present a Radio 2-themed edition of the unorthodox quiz, featuring Jo Whiley, Jeremy Vine, Zoe Ball, Michael Ball, Ken Bruce, Anneka Rice, Vanessa Feltz and Craig Charles. With a performance by Mika.

7.00 Let It Shine. New series. Talent search to find five performers to play the role of a boy band in a new nationwide touring musical, featuring the music of Take That. In this first episode, the hopefuls audition solo in front of the judging panel, made up of Gary Barlow, Dannii Minogue, Martin Kemp and Amber Riley, and perform before a studio audience in Manchester.

8.25 Casualty. Dylan becomes the source of gossip after Seb's allegation, but Max and Jez are determined to help him and try to record Seb confessing his guilt. Alicia and Ethan wake up together in blissful happiness, but are forced to face the consequences of their actions, and Connie spots something in Grace's medical notes that leads her to reporting Elle to the GMC.

9.15 Taboo. New series. Historical drama starring Tom Hardy as adventurer James Delaney, who reappears in London in 1814 after being presumed dead in Africa many years before.

10.10 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights from the third round of the FA Cup, including Manchester United v Reading, Everton v Leicester City and Sutton United v AFC Wimbledon.

12.00 Film: The Double. (2011) **1.35** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.05 Coast. (R) **6.50 Film:** No Minor Vices. (1948) **8.25 Film:** Angels One Five. (1953) **10.00** Secret Britain. (R) **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Exploring China: A Culinary Adventure. (R) **1.00** Child Stars: Talking Pictures. (R) **1.35 Film:** Cimarron. (1960) Western, starring Glenn Ford. **4.00** Mastermind. (R) **4.30** University Challenge. (R) **5.00** Only Connect. (R) **5.30** The World's Most Extraordinary Homes. (R)

6.30 Thailand: Earth's Tropical Paradise. Exploring the wildlife and culture of the Southeast Asian nation. The first episode examines the south of the country, a popular tourist destination for Westerners, and examines the role of spirituality in daily life. Narrated by Sophie Okonedo. (R)

7.30 Britain's Ancient Capital: Secrets of Orkney. An investigation into how recent archaeological finds on the archipelago indicate that Orkney was the cultural capital of Stone Age Britain and the birthplace of the stone circle cult. Chris Packham uncovers the secrets revealed by the DNA of Orkney's unique vole, Neil Oliver explores tombs and monuments, Shini Somara experiments to discover how ancient Orcadians could have moved giant blocks of stone over rough ground, and Andy Torbet climbs a challenging sea-stack to unlock the story of Orkney's unusual geology. (R)

8.30 Dad's Army. With the Walmington-on-Sea Home Guard now established, Captain Mainwaring sets about trying to get equipment for the platoon. (R)

9.00 Bowie: The Last Five Years. A portrait of David Bowie, told by the people who knew him best – his friends and artistic collaborators. It also takes a detailed look at his last albums The Next Day and Blackstar, and his play Lazarus. Through the prism of this last work, the film shows how, in his final five years, Bowie not only began producing music again but returned to the core and defining themes of his career. Among the contributors are Tony Visconti, Toni Basil and Michael C Hall.

10.30 Film: The Man Who Fell to Earth. (1976) Nicolas Roeg's sci-fi drama, starring David Bowie.

12.45 Film: Walkabout. (1971) **2.20** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Sooty. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Super 4. (R) **7.15** Oddbods. (R) **7.20** Oddbods. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.55** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Bear Grylls Survival School. **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Thunderbirds Are Go. **10.00** Rebound. (R) **11.00** Guess This House. (R) **12.00** Bargain Shop Wars. (R) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** Judge Rinder. (R) **1.35 Film:** Kindergarten Cop. (1990) Comedy, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. **3.40** Morecambe and Wise's Funniest Moments. (R) **5.35** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 You've Been Framed! Unchained!

7.00 Ninja Warrior UK. Competitors from across the UK test their strength, speed and courage in this obstacle-course challenge, hosted by Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara.

8.00 The Voice UK. New series. The singing contest returns, although things have changed. Much like the spinning chairs at the centre of the show, the former BBC One programme has done a 180-degree turn and is now part of ITV's prime-time Saturday. There are also new coaches as Jennifer Hudson – the US singer and actress who rose to fame on American Idol – and Gavin Rossdale, singer and guitarist with rock band Bush – join old hands Will.i.am and Tom Jones. Fans will also be relieved that host Emma Willis is back to keep things ticking over. As usual, things kick off with the blind auditions, in which the coaches sit with their backs to the would-be singing stars, selecting the ones they like by vocal ability alone.

9.35 Through the Keyhole. Keith Lemon visits mystery celebrity homes and challenges this week's panel – Fearne Cotton, Will Mellor and Judge Rinder – to guess the identities of the famous owners.

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 Film: Jaws: The Revenge. (1987) **12.25** Jackpot247. **3.00** Who's Doing the Dishes? (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The King of Queens. (R) **6.40** The King of Queens. (R) **7.00** The King of Queens. (R) **7.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.50** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.20** Frasier. (R) **8.50** Frasier. (R) **9.20** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **9.50** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.15** The Simpsons. (R) **10.45** The Simpsons. (R) **11.15** The Simpsons. (R) **11.45** A New Life in the Sun. (R) **12.45** Darts: BDO Lakeside World Professional Championships. The opening day of the BDO World Championships. **5.30** Speed with Guy Martin. (R)

7.00 Channel 4 News.

7.30 Britain's Favourite TV Detectives. Documentary seeking to identify Britain's favourite on-screen detective via a YouGov poll. These fictional crime-fighters have been a staple of TV schedules for more than half a century, and as the results of the poll count down to reveal the UK's most cherished TV sleuth, New Tricks stars Amanda Redman and Dennis Waterman, Starsky & Hutch's David Soul, and Foyle's War creator Anthony Horowitz discuss the enduring appeal of a good mystery.

9.00 Film: Ride Along. (2014) Premiere. A wannabe police officer persuades his girlfriend's tough detective brother to take him along on duty. The cop hopes to scare his unwanted partner away from his sister by exposing him to danger – but needs some help when the patrol leads to a run-in with the city's most wanted criminal. Comedy, starring Ice Cube, Kevin Hart and Laurence Fishburne.

10.55 Film: The Mechanic. (2011) A solitary hitman teaches his murdered mentor's son the tricks of the trade so they can join forces to seek vengeance. Action thriller remake, starring Jason Statham.

12.45 Derren Brown: Infamous. The illusionist's sell-out stage show recorded at the Grand Theatre in Leeds. (R) **2.15** Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Ryan tells Mercedes that he is being blackmailed over their night together, and Tom is guilt-ridden when he hears about Sally's money troubles since Jude's scam. **4.20** Shipping Wars UK. Stu and Jemma transport a sailing boat from Cornwall to North Yorkshire. (R) **5.05** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. Creating a romantic bedroom. (R) **5.20** The Restoration Man. George Clarke revisits the restoration of water mill in Northumberland. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **9.55** The Fairly OddParents. (R) **10.30** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **11.25** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **12.25** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **1.20** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **2.15** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **3.15** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **4.15** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **5.15** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R)

6.15 NCIS: Los Angeles. New series. The agents search for Hetty in Romania and stake out the Comescu beach house, hoping to confirm she is alive. Real-time episode, starring Chris O'Donnell.

7.05 NCIS: Los Angeles. The CEO of a software company linked to a cyber-attack against the Department of Defence is kidnapped, and Kensi and Deeks go undercover to protect the man's family after fears over their safety. Meanwhile, Callen continues to research his past.

8.00 NCIS. New series. The American crime drama following the work of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service returns, as Gibbs fights for his life on board a US Navy hospital ship after being shot. Meanwhile, DiNozzo and Joanna Teague head for Shanghai, where they hope to take down the leaders of the terrorist group known as The Calling. Starring Mark Harmon, Michael Weatherly and Mimi Rogers.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. Highlights of the residents' past 24 hours under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, as they try to get used to their housemates' quirks and foibles while also coping with the day-to-day complications of life inside the house.

10.00 Film: Sex Tape. (2014) Premiere. A couple try to spice up their marriage by filming themselves having sex, but then have to stop anyone from seeing the footage. Comedy, with Cameron Diaz and Jason Segel. Including 5 News Update at 11pm.

11.50 Lip Sync Battle UK: Danny Dyer vs Craig Revel Horwood. Melanie Brown and Professor Green present the musical game show as actor Danny Dyer and dancer Craig Revel Horwood go head to head lip-synching to a hit song. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Celebrity Big Brother. (R) **4.00** World's Strongest Man 2016. (R) **4.50** Divine Designs. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Why the Industrial Revolution Happened Here **8.00** The Magic of Mushrooms **9.00** Lost Kingdoms of Central America **10.00** The Young Montalbano **11.50** An Evening with Sammy Davis Jr **12.50** Sammy Davis Jr: The Kid in the Middle **1.50** Sings the Great American Songbook **2.55** An Evening with Sammy Davis Jr **3.50** Close

ITV2
11.55 Take Me Out Celebrity Special **12.55** Ninja Warrior UK **1.55 Film:** The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) **2.55** FYI Daily **3.00 Film:** The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) **3.45 Film:** Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) **4.45** FYI Daily **4.50 Film:** Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) **5.25 Film:** King Kong (2005) **6.25** FYI Daily **6.30 Film:** King Kong (2005) **9.00 Film:** The Bourne Supremacy (2004) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05 Film:** The Bourne Supremacy (2004) **11.15** Family Guy **12.45** American Dad! **1.40** Dads **2.05** Safeword **2.40** The Hot Desk: Caroline Flack **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
11.15 Inspector Morse **6.05** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Lewis **1.05** Blue Murder **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4
11.00 Film: Shalako (1968) **12.10** FYI Daily **12.15 Film:** Shalako (1968) **1.20** Sporting Funnies **1.30** ITV Racing Live from Sandown. Coverage of races from Sandown and Wincanton. **4.00** Pawn Stars **6.50** Mr Bean **8.00** River Monsters **9.00 Film:** Cliffhanger (1993) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05 Film:** Cliffhanger (1993) **11.15 Film:** On Deadly Ground (1994) **12.15** FYI Daily **12.20 Film:** On Deadly Ground (1994) **1.20** Minder **2.20** Tommy Cooper **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen

E4
11.00 Black-ish **12.00 Film:** A Monster in Paris (2011) **1.45** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **2.00** The Goldbergs **4.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Speed (1994) **11.20** Gogglebox **1.30** Rude Tube: Welcome to 2017 **3.25** New Girl **4.10** Suburgatory **4.55** Revenge

Film4
11.00 Thunderbirds Are Go! (1966) **1.00** The Family Stone (2005) **3.05** Fast Girls (2012) **4.50** Young Sherlock Holmes (1985) **7.00** Volcano (1997) **9.00** The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (2013) **11.45** Baskin (2015) **1.40** Wake in Fright (1971) **4.00** Close

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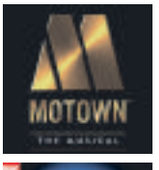

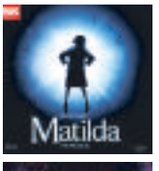

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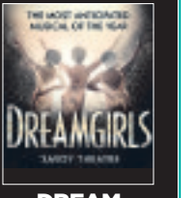

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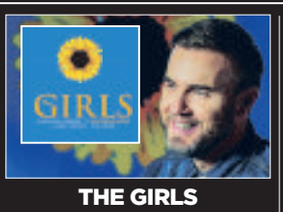

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CHOICE

Ashley Banjo (left)

Dance Dance Dance (ITV, 6.30pm)

New series. Alesha Dixon and Will Best host a celebrity dance contest. The show features five famous contestants, who are unconfirmed at the time of going to press, each of whom will be paired with a dance partner. The couples will take on the challenge of recreating iconic dance routines featured in movies or music videos. Ashley Banjo, leader of street dance troupe Diversity, and choreographers Tina Landon and Timor Steffens make up the panel of expert judges who will be assessing their talents on the dance floor.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** MOTD: FA Cup Highlights. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Songs of Praise. **1.50** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.35** Life in the Snow. (R) **3.35** Match of the Day Live: The FA Cup. Tottenham Hotspur v Aston Villa (Kick-off 4.00pm).

6.05 BBC News.

6.20 Regional Programme.

6.30 Countryfile. Matt Baker examines how the Shropshire landscape has been shaped by the history of mining, and Anita Rani visits a camping site that has been set up in a scrap yard. Adam Henson presents the first in a series of reports from New Zealand, Charlotte Smith examines a rise in dementia in rural communities, and chef Michael Caines goes camping in Dartmoor. Including weather for the week ahead.

7.30 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce presents a second visit to Tewkesbury Abbey in Gloucestershire. The experts examine a heavy Tudor table that requires six men to move it, an extensive collection of Maundy money, a signed picture of Chairman Mao by Andy Warhol, and a rare 18th-century painted silk dress that has been left in a dressing up box for 50 years.

8.30 Still Open All Hours. Eric, Cyril and Mr Newbold try to prove they have it in them to be exciting, while Granville tries to shift a consignment of mints that are past their sell by date.

9.00 Sherlock. The detective faces a dangerous new enemy in the seemingly unassailable Culverton Smith, a man whose position of power conceals a terrible secret. Estranged from John, Sherlock must confront his demons to defeat his enemy's plans. Toby Jones guest stars as the villain.

10.30 BBC News.

10.50 Regional Programme.

11.00 MOTD: FA Cup Highlights. A review of the latest third-round matches, featuring Tottenham Hotspur v Aston Villa and Liverpool v Plymouth Argyle or Newport County.

12.05 The Celebrity Apprentice USA. **1.30** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.35** BBC News.

BBC2

6.10 A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **6.55** Big Dreams Small Spaces. (R) **7.55** An Island Parish. (R) **8.25** The Edible Garden. (R) **8.55** Countryfile. (R) **9.55** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.25** The Good Cook. (R) **11.55** Tom Kerridge's Proper Pub Food. (R) **12.25** Richard Harris: Talking Pictures. (R) **1.00 Film:** Cromwell. (1970) Historical drama, starring Richard Harris and Alec Guinness. **3.15** Flog It! (R) **4.15** Life in Polar Bear Town with Gordon Buchanan. (R) **5.15** Yellowstone: The Wildest Winter. (R)

6.15 Ski Sunday. All the news, gossip and action from the piste.

7.00 School Swap: Korea Style. Part one of two. Three teenagers from Pembrokeshire swap their classrooms, teachers and parents for a school in South Korea, which boasts one of the best education systems in the world – and one of the toughest. For three days, they live and breathe Korean education to find out the secret to its success. Can they hack it? Sian Griffiths presents.

8.00 Dragons' Den. Evan Davis presents the business ideas contest, with panellists Deborah Meaden, Peter Jones, Touker Suleyman, Sarah Willingham and Nick Jenkins examining the profit-making potential of inflatable igloos, a restaurant serving meat-free hot dogs, and a new kind of pooper-scooper. Presented by Evan Davis.

9.00 Thailand: Earth's Tropical Paradise. Exploring the forests, plains and bustling cities of Central Thailand, an area known as the nation's rice bowl. The programme explores how people live alongside animals in these areas, and the spiritual fulfillment to be found in these relationships. Narrated by Sophie Okonedo.

10.00 Film: A Most Violent Year. (2014) Premiere. An immigrant living in New York in 1981 struggles to keep his business going against an unrelenting rise in violent crime. Thriller, with Oscar Isaac and Jessica Chastain.

12.00 QI XL. With Phill Jupitus, Holly Walsh and Nish Kumar. **12.45** Sign Zone: Countryfile. Anita Rani visits Malham Cove in the Yorkshire Dales, where she climbs a cliff face and meets an artist pursuing a family tradition. (R) **1.45** Holby City. (R) **2.40** This Is BBC Two. Preview of upcoming programmes.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Sooty. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Super 4. (R) **7.15** Oddbods. (R) **7.20** Oddbods. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.55** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Thunderbirds Are Go. **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30 Film:** Carry On Up the Jungle. (1970) **11.15** Chopping Block. (R) **12.15** ITV News. **12.25** Tipping Point. (R) **1.25** Ninja Warrior UK. (R) **2.30** The Voice UK. (R) **4.00** The Big Soap Quiz: Coronation Street vs Emmerdale. (R) **5.00** Regional Programme. **5.15** ITV News. **5.30** Unbelievable Moments Caught on Camera. Alastair Stewart presents a selection of extraordinary eyewitness footage filmed by members of the public, featuring a wedding that was ruined by a sandstorm, the rescue of a fox cub from a drain, cyclists being chased by an ostrich, a train that crashed into a truck at a level crossing, a paraglider's painful crash landing, and a musical moment that raised thousands for charity and started an 80-year-old grandfather's recording career.

6.30 Dance Dance Dance. New series. Alesha Dixon and Will Best host a dance contest in which celebrities recreate famous routines from movies and music videos to impress a panel of expert judges.

8.00 Endeavour. New series. In the summer of 1967, Morse and Thursday are both devastated by Joan's abrupt departure from Oxford. The young detective responds to his loss by throwing himself into his work, investigating the suspicious drowning of a scientist who was part of a research team working on an early computer. At first it appears to be a simple suicide – until two more bodies are found in the river.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 Robson Crusoe: A Surprising Adventure. Inspired by Daniel Defoe's classic novel Robinson Crusoe, cameras follow actor and presenter Robson Green as he fends for himself on a desert island in the South China Sea. (R)

11.10 Premiership Rugby Union.

12.05 Jackpot247. **3.00** Chopping Block. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The King of Queens. (R) **6.40** The King of Queens. (R) **7.05** The King of Queens. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Darts: BDO Lakeside World Professional Championships. The second day of the BDO World Championships. **5.30** Find It, Fix It, Flog It. (R)

6.15 Channel 4 News.

6.30 Britain's Wildest Weather 2016. Footage of unusual weather conditions recorded in Britain during 2016, and exploring the factors that led to these incidents. The programme features footage recorded by people caught in the middle of floods, super-storms, tornadoes and lightning strikes, as well as a look at how a record level El Niño effect altered Britain's weather. (R)

8.00 Walking the Americas. New series. Levison Wood goes on a four-month trek across Central America, travelling 1,800 miles from Mexico to Colombia. The journey begins in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, where he and his guide Alberto explore the remains of the Mayan Civilisation, including a sinkhole containing the remains of sacrificial victims. They move on to the island of San Pedro and the jungles where Levison was trained as a soldier, before braving the lawless wilderness of El Peten in Guatemala, where most of America's cocaine is trafficked.

9.00 Film: The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 1. (2014) Premiere. Katniss Everdeen is brought to a secretive underground society following the destruction of the televised deathmatch. She becomes the figurehead of a revolution against the despotic Panem regime, while her friend Peeta remains a captive of its tyrannical president. Part one of the two-part conclusion to the sci-fi adventure series, starring Jennifer Lawrence.

11.20 The Big Fat Quiz of Everything. Jonathan Ross, David Walliams, Katherine Ryan, Aisling Bea, Noel Fielding and Richard Ayoade answer Jimmy Carr's questions on the past 100,000 years of human history. (R)

1.25 How to Lose Weight Well. (R) **2.25** The Secret Life of 4 Year Olds. (R) **3.15** The Autistic Gardener. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Milkshake! Monkey. **6.05** Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) **6.10** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.15** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.25** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.35** Zack and Quack. (R) **6.50** Seaside Antics. (R) **6.55** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.10** Pip Ahoy! (R) **7.30** Little Princess. (R) **7.45** Big Bash Cricket Live. Hobart Hurricanes v Melbourne Stars. **11.30** Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 3. (R) **12.30 Film:** Holy Man. (1998) Satirical comedy, starring Eddie Murphy. **2.35 Film:** The Kid. (2000) Disney comedy, starring Bruce Willis. **4.35 Film:** Legally Blonde. (2001) Comedy, starring Reese Witherspoon.

6.25 Film: Along Came Polly. (2004) An obsessively cautious man, whose wife left him on their honeymoon, crosses paths with a wildly spontaneous former classmate who throws his well-ordered routine into disarray. Yet in spite of their different outlooks on life, he starts to fall for her. Romantic comedy, starring Ben Stiller, Jennifer Aniston, Debra Messing, Hank Azaria, Alec Baldwin and Philip Seymour Hoffman. Edited for language and sexual content.

8.00 Kittens Make You Laugh Out Loud. Compilation of internet videos featuring kittens doing bizarre and humorous things.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. A chance to catch up with the latest events inside the house as the celebrities cope with living under constant surveillance, with all the arguments and alliances, as well as the revelations in the diary room.

10.00 Celebrity Botched Up Bodies. Leading surgeons repair household names damaged by cosmetic surgery.

11.05 The BAFTA Britannia Awards 2016. Coverage of the movie awards ceremony, with Jodie Foster, Ricky Gervais, Ang Lee, Samuel L. Jackson, Felicity Jones and Ewan McGregor among those receiving honours.

1.00 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **3.10** A New Life in Oz. British families emigrating to Australia. (R) **4.00** Now That's Funny! Internet-sourced videos with an amusing family friendly hook. (R) **4.50** Divine Designs. (R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm. The children make cards. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 David Starkey's Music & Monarchy **8.00** Sword, Musket & Machine Gun: Britain's Armed History **9.00** Horizon: The Trouble with Space Junk **10.00** The Sky at Night **10.30 Film:** Venus in Fur (2013) **12.00** Killer Whales: Beneath the Surface – Natural World **1.00** The Magic of Mushrooms **2.00** Lost Kingdoms of Central America **3.00** Boxing at the Movies: Kings of the Ring **4.00** Close

ITV2

11.30 The Voice UK **1.00** 2Awesome: 2Awesome **1.05** 2Awesome: Guidance **1.40** 2Awesome: Side Effects **2.20** 2Awesome: Third Wheel **2.40** 2Awesome: LA Story **3.00 Film:** Nanny McPhee (2005) **4.00** FYI Daily **4.05 Film:** Nanny McPhee (2005) **5.00** Minion Madness **5.10 Film:** Despicable Me 2 (2013) **6.10** FYI Daily **6.15 Film:** Despicable Me 2 (2013) **7.15 Film:** The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (2014) **8.15** FYI Daily **8.20 Film:** The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (2014) **10.00** Family Guy **10.55** American Dad! **12.25** The Cleveland Show **1.25** Release the Hounds **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

8.00 This Time Next Year **9.00** Tonight at the London Palladium **10.00** Birds of a Feather **10.30** Inspector Morse **12.50** A Touch of Frost **2.30** Wycliffe **3.30** May the Best House Win **5.15** You're Only Young Twice **5.40** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4

11.40 Pawn Stars **1.30 Film:** Apache (1954) **2.35** FYI Daily **2.40 Film:** Apache (1954) **3.20 Film:** Red River (1948) **4.25** FYI Daily **4.30 Film:** Red River (1948) **6.00 Film:** 633 Squadron (1964) **7.05** FYI Daily **7.10 Film:** 633 Squadron (1964) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00 Film:** The Krays (1990) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10 Film:** The Krays (1990) **11.30 Film:** Don't Say a Word (2001) **12.35** FYI Daily **12.40 Film:** Don't Say a Word (2001) **1.45** Hell on Wheels

E4

3.00 The Big Bang Theory **6.30** The Big Bang Theory: Hawking's 75th Birthday **9.00 Film:** Bullet to the Head (2012) **10.50** Tattoo Fixers **11.55** Virtually Famous **12.45** Gogglebox **1.50** Rude Tube: Love Bytes **2.45** Rude Tube **3.15** New Girl **3.35** Hollyoaks

Film4

11.00 The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery (1966) **1.00** The Spy Next Door (2010) **2.50** The Two Faces of January (2014) **4.45** Mission: Impossible (1996) **6.55** The Jane Austen Book Club (2007) **9.00** The Railway Man (2013)

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Unwanted Guest, Channel 5, 3.15pm
With nowhere to go for winter break, Amy is invited to spend time with her friend Christine's family. What begins as a nice bonding experience soon turns into a nightmare as Amy begins to lash out at her welcoming hosts. Thriller, starring Kate Mansi and Valentina Novakovic. (2016)

TUESDAY
Dangerous Lessons, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A high school teacher breaks the cardinal rule of not getting romantically involved with one of her students. However, when she tells him it's over, the boy begins to demonstrate psychotic, obsessive behaviour, and starts to stalk both her and her family. Thriller, starring Louise Lombard and Alex Esola. (2016)

WEDNESDAY
The Other Man, BBC1, 11.45pm
After his wife's death, a man learns she was having an affair when he discovers provocative photos of her with another man. He resolves to track down her lover and exact his revenge, but when he confronts the man about his misdeeds, he instead strikes up an unlikely friendship, making him question whether he should continue with his vengeful scheme. Drama, starring Liam Neeson and Antonio Banderas. (2008)

The Other Man, Wednesday, BBC1, 11.45pm

THURSDAY
A Mother's Fear, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A single mother resolves to discover the cause of her son's mysterious illness. Her investigation leads her to a corporation involved in genetically modified food and two scientists who are on the verge of a groundbreaking new discovery. Drama, starring Zoe Lister-Jones, Danny Glover and Victor Garber. (2015)

FRIDAY
Sexy Beast, Channel 4, 12.10am
A retired safe-breaker enjoying the high life in Spain becomes the target of unwanted attention when his psychotic former gangland boss comes looking to enlist his help and expertise for a major bank robbery in London. Crime thriller, starring Ray Winstone, Ben Kingsley, Ian McShane and Amanda Redman. (2000)

New series is hoping to be a Class above

Sometimes it's hard to be a Doctor Who fan…

The past 12 months have been particularly difficult thanks to the fact that no full series of the much-loved drama had headed our way. Instead, we've had to make do with the Christmas special, which was a lot of fun, but it's just not the same as having several adventures spread over a couple of months to get your teeth into.

However, one little ray of sunshine was the appearance of Class, a spin-off available on BBC Three. Sadly, there are some of us who still can't get to the grips of watching programmes online, or who don't have the technology to watch it via our TVs, so we feel we've missed out.

Thankfully, the Beeb has deemed it worthy of a proper, terrestrial broadcast, so three cheers for them.

Of course, it isn't the first time a Whovian spin-off has featured in the schedules. Way back in 1981 we were 'treated' to K-9 and Company, in which former companion Sarah Jane Smith (Elisabeth Sladen) was meant to embark on adventures with the Time Lord's popular robot dog. Unfortunately, it turned out to be a lacklustre affair that didn't get past the pilot stage.

Sladen returned in The Sarah Jane Adventures 26 years later, and that was a success, running for five series until the actress's death in 2011.

And then there was Torchwood, a far more grown-up approach to sci-fi, which ran for four years; fans were devastated when it came to an end and long for it to return. It has, after a fashion, via Big Finish, a company that produces Doctor Who audio adventures. The company has also backed other spin-offs featuring characters from the series.

Class may one day be a project for them too, but for now, it's a visual feast written by young adult writer Patrick Ness, who said of the series before its first air date in October: "There are many, many secrets to come. Many. Like, a lot. But of course, the Doctor is in episode one! That's how these things are done.

"Truly, though, I can't wait for everyone to see the show; we've worked so hard and I'm so proud of it."

Peter Capaldi added: "The Doctor Who family is growing, and it's fantastic to be able to welcome the young new cast of Class in to the Whoniverse."

The main setting for the drama is Coal Hill Academy, which long-standing fans will be aware has been part of Doctor Who since its earliest days – it featured in the very first episode, An Unearthly Child, back in 1963, when it was known as Coal Hill School and was attended by the Doctor's granddaughter, Susan. It's appeared since too – it's the school where Clara Oswald was a teacher.

Now it's Miss Quill (played by Katherine Kelly) who takes centre stage, along with four students who are entrusted by the Doctor to keep alien threats at bay.

Fun and lively, it's a must for Whovians of all ages.

Sophie Hopkins and Greg Austin star, Class, Monday, BBC1, 10.45pm

PICK OF THE WEEK

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
The Halcyon
ITV, 9pm
Lady Hamilton wants Freddie to use his leave from the RAF to support her with the hotel and it becomes clear she wants to make changed and that Garland is in her sights. The hotel manager insists he's not worried and that he just needs to show how indispensable he is, but Peggy and Feldman aren't so sure, while Charity meets Joe and reveals her plans for revenge, but he refuses to help her, and Emma and Betsey hit the town. Drama, starring Olivia Williams, Steven Mackintosh, Jamie Blackley and Mark Benton.

TUESDAY
Sugar Free Farm
ITV, 9pm
Seven celebrities submit to a diet free from sugar, refined carbs, processed fats and cheap meat. From the moment they take up residence in a farmworkers' cottage, they're put to work to earn all the healthy food they eat. TV presenter Alison Hammond cooks from scratch with natural ingredients, comedian Joe Pasquale discovers an aptitude for pig husbandry, and ex MP Ann Widdecombe overcomes an aversion to whole grains. However, while Peter Davison, Stavros Flatley are also put through their paces, reality star Gemma Collins has trouble handling the farm work.

WEDNESDAY
Hospital
BBC2, 9pm
New series. A six-part series capturing the day-to-day realities that face the NHS in unprecedented times. With an ever-increasing demand on its various services, the programme shows the real-life dilemmas and tough decisions that hospital staff and patients alike have to endure. In the first episode, two patients await life-saving surgery at St Mary's Hospital in Paddington - both need to be in the intensive card ward, but the hospital is at full capacity and there is only one bed remaining.

Common Sense
BBC2, 10pm
New series. Topical, fast-paced comedy news series voiced by Ruth Jones, featuring a regular cast of real British people, including dinner ladies from Leeds, East End market traders, supermarket co-workers, launderette owners and butchers from Birmingham. Chosen for their sharp wit and humorous take on life, the cast offer their honest and unfiltered thoughts on some of the biggest talking points of the week, from major breaking stories and bizarre headlines, to the worlds of sport and popular culture.

Sugar Free Farm, Tuesday, ITV, 9pm

THURSDAY
Spy in the Wild
BBC1, 8pm
New series. Natural history documentary in which spy cameras camouflaged as various animals go 'undercover' in the animal world, getting up close and personal to film their behaviour. Spy Pup is immersed in wild dog life to explore their maternal love, and Spy Penguin records the turbulent action of the mating season, as a male Adelie penguin falls victim to a pebble thief that ruins his chances of love for the season. Spy Tortoise and Spy Bushbaby keep watch on chimpanzees, while in perhaps the most moving scenes, Spy Monkey becomes the focus of attention for a troop of concerned langurs who believe the motionless camera-creature has died.

FRIDAY
Big Dreams Small Spaces
BBC2, 7pm
Monty Don helps Tariq and Sairah, who want to turn their dumping ground of a backyard in Leyton into a sumptuous award-winning garden suitable for entertaining friends and family, and a trip to Chelsea Flower Show proves inspirational. Ant and Jake in Bath want to create a Japanese-style design for their L-shaped plot, but events take a dramatic turn when they discover an underlying problem with their soil that calls for an extreme solution.

Room 101
BBC1, 8.30pm
Frank Skinner presents the comedy panel show, returning for the sixth series of this reincarnation, which sees three – as opposed to just one – celebrities venting their spleen about people and objects that upset them, vying for supremacy. Lining up for battle in this edition are comedy actress Catherine Tate, X Factor contender-turned-television host Rylan Clark-Neal and actor Nigel Havers.

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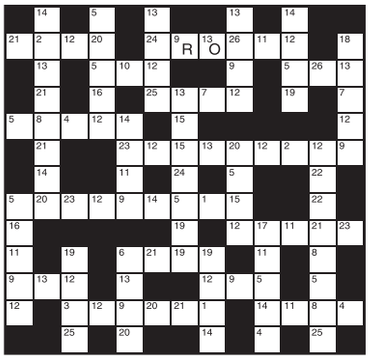

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

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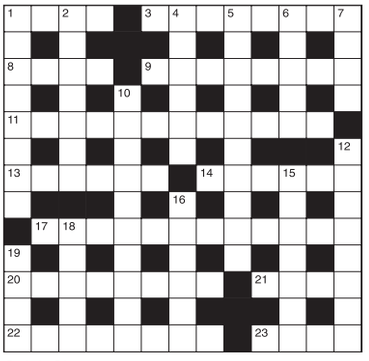

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1& 7Dn. A verge on the road for the team having to travel (4,4)
3. Hire pots for prizes (8)
8. Green on a charge! (4)
9. Gave information showing what the divorcee said (8)
11. The results of a party game (12)
13. Attempt to have a meal inside by agreement (6)
14. Seasoned meat for Sarah and friend in France (6)
17. Another purchase of stock - piece of harness and clothing (12)
20. Geographical measurement that shows a certain tolerance (8)
21. See 6 Down
22. A person without doubt (8)
23. Puts in the right type for the series (4)

Down

1. Legal man to make a recommendation (8)
2. Organise a place for shooting practice, we hear (7)
4. Strange tailless feline creates a disturbance (6)
5. They provide the simple truth (5,5)
6 & 21Ac. Where you'll find the sailor answering a charge (2,3,4)
7. See 1 Across
10 & 16Dn. Becoming irritated when being inoculated (7,3,6)
12. It's not right in manufactured brands to find errors (8)
15. Mean to amend a single bloomer (7)
16. See 10 Down
18. Commend highly in the next Olympics (5)
19. One in a black suit produces a blunt instrument (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Draw (4)
3. Banter (8)
8. Wealthy (4)
9. Bulge (8)
11. Loving (12)
13. Profession (6)
14. Share (6)
17. Cheekiness (12)
20. Remove (8)
21. Retired (4)
22. Rider (8)
23. Carry (4)

Down

1. Mode of speech (8)
2. Satan (7)
4. Scared (6)
5. Designs (10)
6. Grown-up (5)
7. A paradise (4)
10. Speed up (10)
12. Protector (8)
15. Base (7)
16. Layers (6)
18. Manufacturer (5)
19. Craving (4)

Sudoku

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Head waiters; 9 Peppers; 10 Reach; 11 Rolls; 12 Elector; 13 Pastry; 15 Dearth; 18 Inertia; 20 Outdo; 22 Titan; 23 Private; 24 Anachronism. Down: 2 Expel; 3 Dresser; 4 Answer; 5 Three; 6 Reactor; 7 Appropriate; 8 Church tower; 14 Sweeten; 16 Erosion; 17 Sapper; 19 Tonic; 21 Tears. QUICK - Across: 1 On probation; 9 Idiotic; 10 Motor; 11 Piece; 12 Emotion; 13 Effete; 15 Grieve; 18 Seaport; 20 Clean; 22 Ratio; 23 Artless; 24 Incredulity. Down: 2 Noise; 3 Retreat; 4 Bicker; 5 Tempo; 6 Outside; 7 Displeasure; 8 Drunkenness; 14 Flatten; 16 Recital; 17 Strand; 19 Odour; 21 Erect.

Thinking space

Quiz

1. Of which animal is the babirusa a wild variety?
2. Who replaced Jack Straw as Home Secretary in 2001?
3. Which museum is now on the site of 'Bedlam' Hospital?
4. Which film comic was born William Claude Dukenfield?
5. Which ocean has the largest tidal range?
6. Which flower is named after the French for lion's tooth?
7. What has the same tune as the US's America (My Country, 'Tis Of Thee)?
8. Who succeeded Joe Royle as manager of Manchester City??
9. Which record producer was famous for his Wall of Sound?
10. What are used in the Rorschach test?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Sikhism; 2 Harlem Globetrotters; 3 Joule; 4 John Denver; 5 Osborne House; 6 James II; 7 Jeremy Irons; 8 Buddy Holly; 9 New Jersey; 10 Zubin Mehta.

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Norma Aston – all my confidence is back

Strictly Stunning

Salsa dancer Norma's new smile would get a 'ten from Len'

A PICTURE snapped at a dance group's farewell party to mark a friend's departure to Jamaica showed more than what vivacious Norma Aston was expecting.

As the well-wishes were made and memorable dancing stories exchanged amongst members of the Uksalsafeet classes at Willenhall's Chart Centre, the cameras and smart phones did their work.

But a single profile shot of Norma captured a different story to all the other photographs taken at that event.

"My teeth had been troublesome for years, but when I saw the photo and realised just how far forward my top teeth had moved I knew I had to get something done. It was a turning point for me," recalls Norma of Willenhall.

The youthful 60-something-year-old salsa enthusiast, who attends classes every Saturday to help perfect her technique in this pastime made popular by programmes like Strictly Come Dancing, adds: "There were a number of things that came together which encouraged me to get things sorted.

"I had seen an article in my local paper about a woman who had a long-standing problem resolved by Denture Clinic Principal Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS(Eng) with an implant retained over-denture."

Adds Norma: "I knew what I wanted and already had in mind an implant denture.

"At the same time, my step-daughter was encouraging me to see her implant dentist, the well-respected Dr Owain Rees.

"Dental work is such a visual thing and unlike hospital surgical work we get to choose who undertakes it. It was so important for me that I made the correct choice."

Enthusiastic

Husband Don, a former design engineer and dance band frontman, who met Norma 32 years ago while playing at the Corpus Christi Centre, Wednesfield, takes up the story: "We'd done some research, but websites can really say anything and it's not the same as getting an impression face to face. When we saw Steven he was so enthusiastic about his work and instilled confidence in us that his clinic would be able to do the job well. But I had one searching question that was really important to me. I told him 'I know my wife' and then asked: 'Will she still be the same after the work is completed?'

"Steven was very reassuring and told me she would look the same, but with better teeth. We were never pressured and told to go away and think things through before making a decision."

North Street's dental implant surgeon, Dr Owain Rees (left) BDS, DGDP (UK) Dip Imp Dent (UCL) GDC 61576 with principal Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS(Eng) GDC 108353

With referrals in-house, Norma was seen by North Street Dental and Implant Clinic surgeon Dr Owain Rees BDS, DGDP (UK) DIP IMP DENT (UCL). Under one roof, with four modern surgeries, the clinical discipline of high quality denture provision sits side by side with general, cosmetic and implant dentistry. Norma's treatment plan included intravenous sedation, the placing of six lower implants to support a removable overdenture and a traditional upper denture prescription. The former City Hospital accounts manager, says: "Knowing that Owain was going to do the surgery was great .

"He explained everything and I embraced the treatment plan.

"I'd always cared for my teeth, but I have a family history of gum problems and for more than 20 years I'd had a partial denture. I never realised it didn't fit properly until I saw Steven. I'd just grown into it.

"My new teeth . . . I couldn't ask for more and I'm amazed at the difference. They look so natural," she adds. Don agrees her new smile is "stunning."

Confidence is back

Norma enjoys a hectic lifestyle juggling dancing with personal commitments and volunteer stints at the Locksmith's House, Willenhall, a well-preserved piece of living Victorian history.

"I love working there and Don helps too. I used to be self-conscious of my smile when meeting people and was always careful how I smiled. Now I have all my confidence back and my only regret is that I didn't get my teeth sorted out three years ago."

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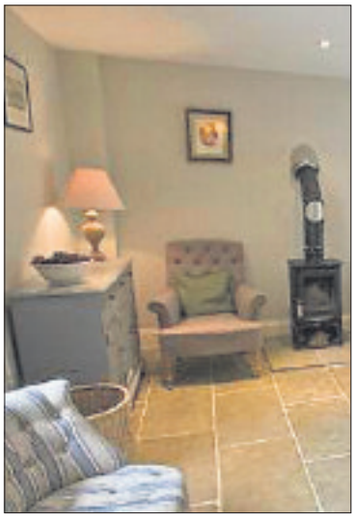

Communal facilities in the accommodation

Best of Welsh food on table

FOR so many people, quality, locally-sourced food is high on the priority list when they are thinking about where to stay.

Cue Bodnant Welsh Food Centre and Cookery School in North Wales, helping the country to establish its growing reputation as a nation of passionate producers and fanatical foodies.

Situated just a stone's throw from the seaside town of Conwy, the centre was established in 2012 to provide the showcase for the best Welsh food such as fresh meat from the local valleys and hills.

It is set in a cluster of stone farm buildings dating back to the 18th century, which have been lovingly restored to house a host of businesses, all of which champion the best products from the local area.

On site is a farm shop, selling products sourced from the surrounding Bodnant estate, from award-winning Welsh suppliers and the in-house bakery, butchers and dairy. This food is also used to supply the elegant on-site Hayloft Restaurant, intimate River Room and Furnace Tea Room. My wife and I stayed in one of the five on-site bedrooms, which boast stunning views over the Conwy Estuary.

By James Pugh

The comfortable accommodation has been finished with stylish furnishings, ironwork lights and Welsh handmade fabrics as well as the usual mod cons. It also benefits from an impressive communal kitchen and living room. Staying over is an excellent excuse to make use of both the Hayloft and River Room, where chefs make the best possible use of Bodnant's ingredients.

The menu is changed regularly to suit the seasons and boasts generous portions. Typical dishes in the Hayloft include a 'festival of Welsh lamb', 'soused Llandudno mackerel' and 'peaches and Bodnant ice cream' – all reasonably priced and served with wines from Bodnant's own cellar.

Alternatively, The River Room restaurant offers an intimate and informal fine dining experience with a unique seven-course tasting menu, each course refined and carefully selected by Andrew Sheridan. The restaurant, which provides a fine dining experience for just 12 guests per evening, was the brainchild of Mr Sheridan. It was this we got the pleasure of sampling during our stay.

Each dish was immaculately presented and bursting with flavours, including the mackerel and wood pigeon which I had never tried before. The mix of pre-chosen white and red wines, optional with the tasting menu, accompanied the main dishes perfectly.

Ambition

Mr Sheridan, who has trained alongside Michelin-starred chef Michael Caines, said: "The River Room was the realisation of a personal ambition to make fine dining more accessible to people. I passionately believe that everyone should have the opportunity to experience top quality food.

"The idea behind The River Room is to combine fine dining with an informal atmosphere. There is absolutely no pretence here – guests don't need to worry about wearing a formal jacket or which cutlery to choose."

Just like the food, the service was first-class, with the knowledgeable waiter introducing each dish and wine.

Breakfast the following morning in the Hayloft restaurant was equally appetising.The venue also boasts a function room for weddings and other events and the Welsh National Bee-keeping Centre – as well as its impressive Cookery School, which again promotes local ingredients.

Courses tie in with what is in season, catering for just what you fancy all around the year, with classes varying from bread-making to tapas fusion, skilled patisserie and dinner party dishes. Bodnant's sessions come highly recommended for chefs of all levels – and would certainly make an ideal gift for a food enthusiast.

For those seeking a little more adventure, there is plenty of exploration to be done in the rugged local landscape of Snowdonia, a sanctuary for outdoors enthusiasts and adventure seekers. Situated in quiet estate surroundings, in the heart of Conwy Valley, the Bodnant Welsh Food Centre offers something for everyone.

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Car is still near top of shopping list

By Ian Donaldson

MAZDA3 FROM £17,595

YOU can't knock Mazda for its honesty. Lined up side by side were the latest version of the company's midrange hatch and the model it replaces.

And both editions of the Mazda3 looked all but identical to the untrained eye. To the trained eye too, come to that.

And Mazda agrees, siting 'minor tweaks' on the outside, amounting to little more than a different radiator grille and lights at the front and a bit more body coloured panelling round the back, instead of plainer black plastic.

Inside, the changes run a little deeper, with smarter plastics on dash and doors. An electric parking brake replaces the older manual lever – but nobody uses either these days, do they?

All versions of the new Mazda3 – available with two diesel and two petrol engines and in two body styles, Hatchback and (booted saloon) Fastback – are now quieter than before, thanks to added sound deadening and reduced knocking noises from cold or at low speed from the diesels.

Dig deeper and you discover Mazda has been clever with the electronics, devising something called G-Vectoring Control, which minutely varies the power going to the front, driven wheels to keep the car tracking straighter, to the benefit of both feel at the wheel and passenger head-nodding comfort.

Without an older car to try on the same bits of Scottish blacktop chosen for the car's press launch, it was of course impossible to know how well this clever tech works. Ditto, how much quieter the newer model has become.

Smarter plastics on dash and doors

Happily, that is no real problem. The Mazda3 in its old guise was one of the best cars in its class, bringing the fight to the likes of the Ford Focus and VW Golf.

And it still is, with a continuing winning combination of good looks, decent performance allied to sometimes outstanding economy and a lot of kit for your money.

Talking of which, the new car costs £200 more than before, which will make almost no impact on your monthly payments.

The vast majority of Mazda3s are sold as hatchbacks, which cost the same as their saloon siblings but are considered a mite more practical thanks to the big rear hatch, opening to reveal a sensibly sized boot beneath.

Most of them will have petrol engines because most of this line of Mazdas are sold to private buyers, who don't reckon the £1,500 price hike to a diesel is worth it for the extra economy when they're not doing business user mileages.

Prices of the new range start at £17,595 for a 2.0 litre SKYACTIV-G petrol SE Nav, which rather confusingly comes without satellite navigation, available for £600. It does come with 16ins alloy wheels, manual air conditioning, DAB radio, electric windows all round and heated and power folding door mirrors.

There have been minor tweaks on the outside of the new Mazda3

Move to SEL-Nav, from £19,695, and you add parking sensors, heated front seats, cruise control, climate control and city brake support that brakes for you if you're not concentrating and can stop the car before it hits something.

Top of the Mazda3 tree is the Sport Nav line, from £20,645, which brings 18ins alloys, LED headlights, digital speedometer, keyless entry and a Bose nine speaker sound system.

The two 2.0 litre petrol engines produce 120 or 150 horsepower, with the diesels, of 1.5 or 2.2 litres managing 105 and 150 horsepower respectively. Automatic transmission is available on some petrol and diesel models for £1,200. Trying the likely biggest seller, a hatchback 120hp petrol version revealed a car that feels as nimble on its pins as something from a smaller class of car and which tackled Scotland's bonny braes with something close to enthusiasm, helped along by a forgiving ride and gearchange that might have been lifted from the MX-5 sports car.

This gentle reworking of Mazda's mid-ranger keeps the car near the head of anyone's shopping list.

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Good move for Infiniti?

By James Parker

The Q60 is an all-new model, taking the Q50 saloon as a base and turning it into a rather pleasant coupe.

It's not Infiniti's first attempt at a car of this type, with the company bringing the G37 to our shores as it launched as a UK brand – but the chances are, you'll almost never have seen one. The company hopes the Q60 will be somewhat more visible.

The car itself is a pretty handsome affair. There's more than a hint of the Mercedes-Benz C-Class Coupe from some angles, but by and large it sticks to the concept car forms that Infiniti has been bringing to motor shows for the past few years.

However, the brand has an image problem overall. It sells in such small volumes that there's almost no brand awareness (despite sponsoring the Red Bull F1 team), and those who are familiar with it know it as a premium arm of the Nissan brand.

Ultimately this is a two-door coupe. It may be based on a reasonably large vehicle, but when the rear doors go and the roofline plunges, you lose a lot of space in the back. There are seats there, but they are a token affair suitable for very young children – only the huge doors and folding seatbacks means accessing them with young children is a challenge. You might be happy if you do get your kids in the back though, as when it comes to safety, Infiniti has got it sorted. Technology such as forward emergency braking, forward collision warning, lane departure and a speed limiter are standard across the range, while there's a tech pack that adds adaptive cruise, adaptive lights, rear collision prevention and so on. At times, with all of the assists turned on, it's almost like being in an autonomous car – and it's supernaturally good at spotting things around corners.

For now, there are two power options. The smaller version is a two-litre, four-cylinder, turbocharged petrol, producing 208bhp and driving the rear wheels. This is good for a combined economy figure of 41.5mpg and 156g/km CO2, while performance figures stand at 0-60mph in 7.1s and a top speed of 146mph.

The car was designed, though, around the new three-litre, V6 twin turbo. This 399bhp engine drives all four wheels and slashes well over two seconds off the acceleration time – standing at 4.8s to 60mph – with a 155mph top speed. Economy suffers a little, with 31.0mpg combined (though on our test it was nearer to 23mpg) and 208g/km CO2 emissions.

Both engines drive a seven-speed automatic gearbox, with a traditional torque-convertor set-up.

There's a distinctly odd sensation when you drive the Q60 and it's all down to the fact the steering wheel isn't actually attached to the steering. Infiniti uses a drive-by-wire system which takes the inputs from the steering wheel and sends them electronically to the steering rack. There is, in fact, still an old mechanical steering system but this is only a back-up in case of the electrical system failing (which Infiniti tells us has never happened).

The car is a pretty handsome affair

It has more than a few benefits. The steering can be as light or as heavy as you want it to be, has absolutely no central deadzone and doesn't feed back awful road surfaces through to your hands, making for a relaxed long-distance drive that is sporty and direct at the touch of a button.

However, it also means there's not a great deal by way of steering feedback, so drivers who like to feel the road through their fingertips will not find much joy. Despite this, the Q60 is a pretty sharp handler when the mood takes it, with plenty of grip available.

Considering the equipment on offer right from the very beginning, the Q60 is a keenly priced vehicle.

For most buyers, what it has as standard on the £33,990 entry-level Q60 2.0t Premium is exactly what you'd want – leather seats, heated in the front with electric adjusting and heated wing mirrors, satellite navigation, DAB radio, cruise control, reverse parking cameras and LED daytime lights, tail lights and fog lights.

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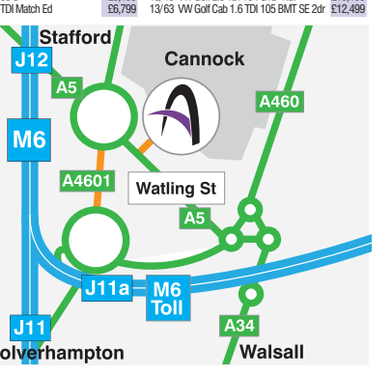

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Mid-life makeover does the business for Kuga

By Laura Thomson

Ford launched its popular Kuga back in 2008 and it saw success in the small SUV market.

The second-generation Kuga made its debut in 2013, The model has now been given a mid-life makeover, with exciting new technologies and styling.

We tested the ST-Line Kuga, which costs £29,554 on the road. This model sits second highest on the spec list, below the luxury Vignale trim. These trims are both available for the first time on the new Kuga.

With a full bodystyling kit and sports suspension, the ST-Line is aimed at drivers wanting a sportier feel from their Kuga. Coupled with the 2.0-litre, 178bhp TDCi engine, this is as close a performance-orientated SUV as Ford gets.

The Kuga's looks are bold and sporty, but it lacks the rugged appeal of other SUVs in its class, such as the Jeep Renegade. Immediately noticeable is the new, trapezoid grille, which is flanked by raked and intricate LED headlights and stylish new fog lights. Redesigned alloy rims also feature across the range, while two new colour options of Guard Grey and Copper Pulse are offered.

The ST-Line benefits from 18-inch dark alloy wheels and a full body styling kit, which includes a lower centre silver skid plate and black-finish roof rails, headlight bezels, side wind vents and door frame mouldings.

In the cabin, convenience is key, with an electronic parking brake replacing the previous, manual lever, and simplified, easily distinguishable buttons and switches introduced.

There's a hands-free liftgate as standard

This convenience theme is seen elsewhere on the car, with a hands-free liftgate now coming as standard. Heated ST-Line sports seats offer multi-way adjustability, as does the steering wheel.

In the Kuga, rear passengers are afforded comfortable, spacious seats, with more than adequate head, leg and hip room. The front, meanwhile, is neither uncomfortable nor cramped, and theaforementioned redesigned switches go a long way to simplify the dash.

A Thatcham category 1 alarm comes as standard on all models, as does Ford's Intelligent Protection System and a selection of airbags.

We tested the Kuga in the extremes of the Arctic Circle, and while not its usual stomping ground, the car managed surprisingly well. Ice, both visible and black, proved no issue for Ford's intuitive All-Wheel Drive system, which sent varying torque to each wheel to correct any skids. ABS kicked in under heavy braking on the slippery stuff, and succeeded in bringing the vehicle to a safe, controlled stop on more than one occasion.

The sports suspension of the ST-Line gives the car a firm yet agile feel, and as such it dealt well with body roll. At motorway speeds, the Kuga was comfortable and the steering remained well weighted. Road and wind noise is present, because of the bulky front end. However, it is not loud enough to prove irritating.

Ford's new SYNC3 system is the upgrade the brand is shouting about, and it's easy to see why. Housed on an aesthetically appealing centre console, the system is more responsive than the previous '2' guise, and the eight-inch screen boasts more clarity, too. SYNC3 is compatible with both Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, allowing extra connectivity to the car. The driver can control and adjust every aspect of the SYNC3 media system via voice commands.

As standard, the ST-Line Kuga features Ford's Active Park Assist and Park-Out Assist. These two systems help the driver to enter and leave a tight parking space. The former is designed to steer the vehicle into tight parallel or perpendicular spaces that are only 20 per cent longer or wider than the car.

The Kuga is a comfortable small SUV with a host of handy updates. The sporty ST-Line is impressive, with generous standard equipment, but expensive, at £29,554. If you want a capable all-rounder, you will find one in the cheaper Titanium, or even Zetec-trim.

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Kia kicks off 2017 with super SUV event

By Anthony Martyn

Kia Motors (UK) Ltd is starting 2017 with a wide range of offers across its model line-up.

For private customers looking to buy a new SUV in January, dealerships will be holding an SUV event, to showcase the exciting range of lifestyle vehicles Kia has to offer and allow customers to pick the right SUV for them.

They will also now benefit from Kia's servicing package – Care-3, free of charge on models ordered before January 31 and registered by March 31.

The offer is available on all Soul and Soul EV, all-new Niro, all-new Sportage and Sorento models.

For customers looking to buy a new Picanto five-door or MY16 cee'd a great finance offer of zero per cent PCP over three years is available with no deposit between January 1 and March 31.

From now through to March 31 2017, private customers can also benefit from a £1,000 saving on Venga and Sorento as well as the facelifted Carens – which made its debut at the Paris Motor Show last year.

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2016 saw the launch of the All-New Optima Sportswagon. For customers who cannot decide between the Optima Saloon or this new model, a free upgrade will be available, making both cars available at the same list price from January 1 to March 31 2017.

The Kia Sorento comes with a £1,000 customer saving as well as free Care-3 for cars ordered in January.

In addition, Caravan Club members buying a Sorento privately through the Kia dealer network will benefit from £1,000 towards Kia accessories.

All grades have all-wheel drive, hill-start assist, trailer stability assist, reversing sensors and can haul between 2,000kg and 2,500kg depending on the version, meaning this SUV is a perfect companion for caravanning adventures.

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The new car is longer and lower than its predecessor, with the wheels set wider apart too

New sport tourer's dynamic abilities

By John Griffiths

Renault's designers and engineers must have been working overtime, with the car making rolling out probably the newest range of cars in the market.

The new Scenic, Grand Scenic and this model, the Mégane Sport Tourer (or estate, as such cars were once called) hit the streets of Britain at the same time.

And these are not just minor upgrades – a new wing mirror here, a revamped grille there – but are virtually all new cars, with new designs, and some of the latest technology.

The Sport Tourer doesn't offer too many surprises, being a logical follow-up to the new Mégane hatchback which first appeared five months ago. It is, of course, at the rear with its large and practical cargo space where the main difference lies.

The range of petrol and diesel engines are well-proven – like the hatchback the range topper is the 205PS GT – and of course the Sport Tourer also comes with the unique four wheel steering system which both sharpens up the handling at speed and makes it easier to park.

The new car is longer and lower than its predecessor, with the wheels set wider apart too, which both adds to the car's sporty stance and creates more room inside. It can accommodate up to five adults in comfort, with a generous 521 litres of luggage space. With one or two on board and the rear seats folded, that leaves a large, square 1,504 litres of space for cargo.

The boot floor has two positions, the higher one creating a flat load floor with space underneath for those items to be hidden from prying eyes.

The first impression of driving the car is that it's a very relaxing car: switchgear is logical and simple, its controls are light, it's quiet, rides smoothly and its dynamic abilities inspire confidence.

The first test car was a 1,500cc, 110PS diesel which may prove popular particularly with business users for its economy – an official average of 76.4mpg and 96g/km which makes it cheaper to run at the pumps as well as when your tax bill arrives.

It's performance figures (0 to 62mph in 11.3 seconds) somewhat belies its real world abilities, both in terms of in-gear acceleration and laid back, unfussed cruising.

If you're regularly carrying heavy loads of people or cargo, the 130 turbo diesel might suit you better. It's a little quicker, of course, at little sacrifice in terms of economy (70.6mpg and 104g/km).

For those who prefer petrol, the entry-level 1.2 litre unit is turbocharged so it also offers 130PS as well as a generous helping to torque to achieve that relaxed performance feel.

The interior has a quality feel, with a fascia which is relatively simple and uncluttered despite the large number of the latest electronic safety and driver assistance systems, as many of them are controlled via the central touch screen. On higher grade models, the seven inch screen is replaced by an 8.7 inch, portrait style screen – a feature only usually found on much more expensive models. It's clear and intuitive to use, much like a smartphone, and as well as a wide range of car system settings it controls the connectivity, audio and (where fitted) navigation system.

It's also the hub of the Renault 'Multi-sense' system which allows the driver to select throttle and engine response, engine sound, steering weight and ambient lighting, among other things, to suit them or the conditions.

The 4Control system sets the Méganes, both hatchback and Sport Tourer, apart. At lower speeds the computer controlled system allows the rear wheels to turn a couple of degrees in the opposite direction to theose at the front, endowing it with the manouverabilty of a small city car.

On the open road, the rear wheels turn by just one degree in the same direction as the front. It doesn't sound much, but its ability to help the Mégane tackle quick corners with extra stability and traction is noticeable.

It's one of those technical features you probably won't think about, but it does add to the driving experience – none more so that on the sporting flagship of the range, the 205PS GT. We're used to quick Méganes and this one doesn't disappoint, with a 0 to 62mph sprint time of just 7.4 seconds. Mated to Renault's quick acting and intelligent six-speed automated dual clutch transmission, it's in-gear performance (for example when overtaking) impresses, too.

The power plant is a 1,600cc petrol turbo, with a hefty 260Nm of torque at just 1,750rom adding considerably to the 205PS of power when it comes to get up and go. Fuel consumption can average, according to official figures, a not unreasonable 47.1mpg for a performance car, with a 134g/km of CO2.

It comes, of course, fully equipped as a flagship model with sporting additions such as full LED headlights, chrome sill plates, 18-inch alloys, and leather upholstery, The suspension is uprated, too.

Standard features across the Mégane range include a traction and stability control, understeer control, emergency brake assist, and six airbags.

All but the entry level Expression+ model also have Renault's Visio system which includes lane departure warning, traffic sign recognition and automatic high/low beam lights.

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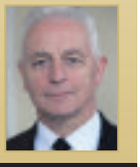
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God bless.

Shuan, Brian and Adrian.

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EVANS
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Love Wendy, David and Andrew.

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Vera

Who passed away November 29, 2016.

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LINTERN
Lynda

Passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, December 20, 2016, aged 59 years.

Beloved Daughter of Barbara and Fred, loving Sister of Julie, devoted Mom to Victoria, Daniel and Rebecca, fun loving Nanna to Bella, Jake and Polly, Lily and Fred, Billy and Rose.

The Funeral Service is to take place on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at 11.30am, at Stafford Crematorium.

It was Lynda's wish that everyone should wear bright colours in celebration of her life.

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Ellen

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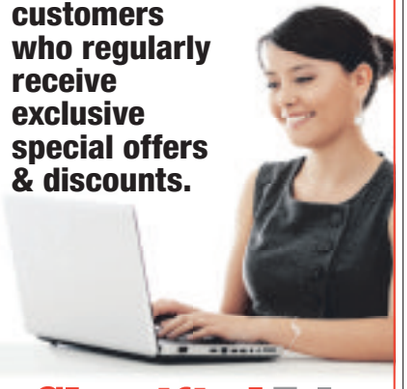

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STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED)
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
DIVERSION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AND TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ONE-WAY ORDER
CHURCH STREET, RUGELEY

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staffordshire County Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in that length of Church Street in Rugeley at its junction with A460 Western Springs Road unless the vehicle is being used in connection with the works; or unless the vehicle requires access to premises on the length of road or is being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

The Order will also suspend the One-Way Order on Church Street for the duration of the works.

An alternative route for traffic is available via A460 Western Springs Road, B5013 Elmore Lane, B5013 Anson Street, B5013, Wolseley Road, Church Street. For more information, visit: https://roadworks.org?tm=91950

The order will come into operation on 23 January 2017 and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by 24 February 2017.

The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months, or until the gas main replacement works, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the road have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

John Tradewell, Director for Strategy, Governance & Change
No. 2 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford. ST16 2DH

Ref: S31947 Enquiries: Customer Contact Centre; Tel: 0300 111 8000 www.staffordshire.gov.uk/trafficregulationorders http://roadworks.org

Date: 5 January 2017

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED)
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
TEMPORARY 30 M.P.H. SPEED RESTRICTION
A51 LEA HALL WAY, RUGELEY

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED)
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
DIVERSION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC
SANDY LANE, HATHERTON

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staffordshire County Council on 3rd January 2017 made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in that length of Sandy Lane in Hatherton, between its junctions with Church Lane and Hatton Road unless the vehicle is being used in connection with the works or unless the vehicle requires access to premises on the length of road. There will be no through route available and pedestrian access will be unaffected.

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The order will come into operation on 12th January 2017 and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date. It is anticipated that the works will be completed on the same day.

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Date: 5th January 2017

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Case Officer – Richard Sunter

CH/16/457 - Erection of warehouse with ancillary offices

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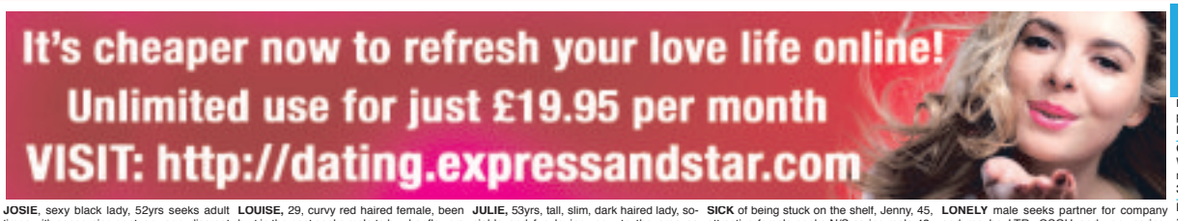

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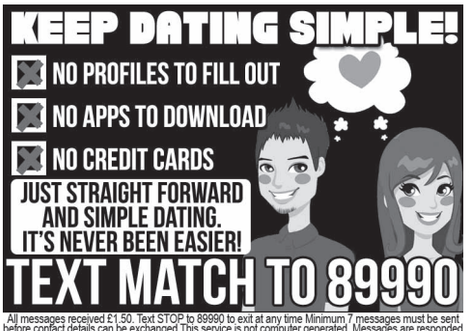

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THELMA, 59, slim, petite and Afro Caribbean, GSOH, trustworthy, honest and very caring, leave me your details if that sounds good to you! **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 425195**

THAI female 39, very beautiful, petite and self sufficient, loves cooking and home making, looking for caring, kind man/single dad. Please call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 425191**

PROFESSIONAL lady, mid 60s, interests include gardening, theatre, walking, days out and travelling, animal lover, looking for a professional gentleman, kind and caring, intellectual and outgoing, with gosh, for friendship possibly more, in the Stafford area. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424569**

ATTRACTIVE Caribbean lady 59yrs, very jolly and fun seeking gent any age who must love good times. ACA, **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 425323**

ANDREA, 43, slim with long dark hair, blue eyes, loves to dance seeks romantic man to share intimate moments in or out. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 425221**

CAROL, mid 50s lady, young at heart, attractive and sexy (so I'm told)! Give me a call if you are a gent with GSOH. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424783**

LOUISE, 29, curvy red haired female, been hurt in the past seeks male to buy her flowers and mend her broken heart. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 425041**

LYN, 47, curvy quiet sensitive brunette but with a wild side. It could be exciting to know me! **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 425013**

KAREN, 47, an attractive blue-eyed redhead, curvy size 16, likes films, football, pubs, reading, seeking likeminded male for nights in/out, hopefully more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 425057**

SARAH, mature feminine lady, kind caring but still has a sensual side, hoping to meet like minded, confident, non smoking gent with GSOH, looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424777**

JEAN, mature lady, genuine with many hobbies, slim, blonde and attractive. WLTM interesting gent with GSOH, must be cheerful, looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424675**

SUE, 60s lady, calling all gents who seek a mature solvent stylish lady, I can wine and dine you, you will have a nice time, call or text me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424781**

SUE, attractive genuine lady, own home, loves to spoil a man, give me a call or text. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424673**

RETIRED happy, caring, attractive female, likes gardening, travel, animals, comedy, seeks tall, funny, kind chap, Shropshire. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411459**

SUZANNA, 45, lonely beautiful classy French lady looking for happy decent reliable very sexy man for lots of TLC and good times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424847**

SARAH, young looking curvy 41yr old female, bored with everyday routines, WLTM up for some fun discreet and extremely broadminded younger male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424827**

JULIE attractive 35yr old female with a great body, looking for no strings attached evening meets. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 425037**

MARY, passionate honest slim blue-eyed blonde, 39yrs, likes nights in/out, looking for affectionate male, any age to spend adult fun times. Interested? call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 425009**

JACKIE, 56yrs, attractive lady who is lots of fun seeks like-minded gent for nights in, days out and much much more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424491**

DONNA, 42, bright bubbly blue eyed blonde looking for someone to enjoy life and love to the full with. Call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424873**

JULIE, 53yrs, tall, slim, dark haired lady, sociable and fun loving, new to the area so WLTM men friends for fun, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424497**

SEXY brunette 39, petite, brown eyes, seeks energetic discreet guy for no strings fun and friendship. Age/status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424451**

HEATHER, 48, well travelled solvent brunette looking to share a large glass of wine and whatever follows with affectionate man friend. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424429**

TERRI, attractive young looking 29yrs, long legged sporty seeking nice man to fall in love with, up to 45yrs. If that's you pls call, you have nothing to lose. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424377**

SUSAN, 43, pretty green eyed brunette looking for an interesting attractive man who would understand my wicked sense of humour. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424381**

JOY attractive Asian female 37, loves to dance, looking for older English gent to teach me some new steps, fall in love with, spoil, pamper and make feel very special. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424255**

WENDY, 44yrs, dark haired beauty with blue eyes and a fab figure. WLTM gent any age, give me a call and I promise to call you back, or text/email. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424339**

RENATA, 55, slim, attractive lady with long auburn hair just wants to have a good time with likeminded older guy up to 75yrs. Looks/status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424263**

LOUISE, 40, elegant genuine blonde who's been hurt in the past seeks tall handsome male to be her Mr Right. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424261**

MELANIE, 49yrs, varied interests, attractive, sensual lady seeks gent any age or status, call, see what happens. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424337**

CALLING all Gentlemen! I'm Janet a mature solvent stylish lady, I'm waiting for you to call me so we can wine/dine and have some good times ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424335**

DEBBIE, 50, petite blonde looking for some fun and adventure with similar fun loving mature male. Looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424799**

CALL or text me, I'm Claire, single, 41yrs loves life to the full, hoping you will contact me if you want a genuine fun time. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424779**

JANE 40's, blonde blue-eyed petite build, WLTM understanding discreet tall, caring man for daytime meets. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424769**

ANDREA, 43, slim with long dark hair, blue eyes, loves to dance seeks romantic man to share intimate moments in or out. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424747**

HI I'm Ellie, 39, pretty, funny, great figure, OHAC/child, have everything apart from a man, WLTM someone I wanna be with, not have to be. Call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424635**

DIVORCED female, attractive, sensual by nature, OHAC, bored with own company, looking to make life a little more exciting with likeminded man. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424591**

PATRICIA, 50s, solvent female, tactile, fun, likes to travel, seeks tall, easygoing mature male to enjoy all the good things in life with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424553**

BARBARA, 36, slim blonde, likes music, sport, the outdoors, quiet nights in etc, WLTM kind honest gent to share interests and get to know me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424549**

ANGELA, 48yrs, seeks male companion for nights out, dining, maybe more. ACA or text me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424495**

SICK of being stuck on the shelf, Jenny, 45, attractive female seeks N/S caring male 42-55 who feels the same to share adult companionship, meals in/out, possibly LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424225**

ATTRACTIVE professional lady, 57, widow, likes dining out, country pubs, good conversation and laughter, seeks genuine professional gent, with a gosh with similar interests, to enjoy life with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424157**

SENSUAL tactile, attractive female, long blonde hair, blue eyes, loves travel, wining/dining, WLTM genuine male for mutual companionship. Looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424231**

BABS, single mum looking for adult companionship, any age/looks or status. Interested? Come on over to my place. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424253**

HI I'm Angie, attractive petite mid 50s lady. I'm a very very active lady, with lots of interests. WLTM chap with GSOH, looks/age unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424333**

HELLO Gents, I'm a mature attractive interesting lady, with gorgeous eyes. I'm smart, sophisticated, love theatre and films. Give me a call or text me. Looks unimportant, must be kind. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424331**

Single Men

TOM, 32, slim, attractive, own home, likes to eat out and in, WLTM honest, kind girl for tender, loving care and fun times. No time-wasters please. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424929**

JAY, attractive, 6ft2, single father, loves a laugh and a giggle, looking for a lady for evenings out, company and maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424303**

CHRIS, 49yrs honest gent seeks lady 45-55 for socialising, friendship, maybe leading to romance. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 425345**

PETER, sincere solvent gent 70s seeks lady to wine dine, foreign travel, all expenses paid. I would love a traveling companion. Genuine advertiser. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 425343**

MATURE male, 50, medium-build, varied interests, seeks true Christian female, 35-45, who enjoys evenings in and dining out, for friendship or possibly more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419283**

SEMI retired business man, early 60s, slim, well travelled, fit, tanned, good looking, solvent and very discreet, wltm female, 35-55, married or single, for daytime fun. Couples also welcome. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 425183**

MATURE male, 70s, tall, retired, recovering alcoholic, WLTM someone understanding, maybe in the same situation for friendship and mutual support. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 425263**

YOUNG looking 63 year old male, GSOH, friendly, considerate, attractive, looking for a naughty female, any age/status, for adult fun and friendship. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 425243**

IRISH gent, 66, GSOH, n/s, wishes to meet lady, North Birmingham area, for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 425269**

JAMES, 59, 5ft11, average build, WLTM a Christian lady, 60-70, for companionship. Hope to hear from you. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 425227**

IRISH male, 62, 5ft 9ins, GSOH, independent, seeks genuine female for friendship initially. Birmingham area. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403623**

MALE 63, widower, Irish, GSOH, tall, independent, seeks special lady. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 409243**

MALE 65, GSOH, seeks female for friendship and companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418389**

LONELY male seeks partner for company and maybe LTR. GSOH and very caring. Copd sufferer but still likes to enjoy life. **Text only. Mailbox: 4310699**

MIKE 49, slim, young looks, seeks female, 35-50 for friendship and going out. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 356651**

DAVE, 54, 5ft10, medium build, easy going, happy, looking for an attractive, loving and caring female, 45-65, for friendship and relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423073**

YOUNG 70 widower, fit, lonely, 5ft 11ins, 11st, likes drives, walks, DIY, meals out, gardening, smoker, looking for lady to spend life with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424687**

MALCOLM, 60 something gent, own hair and teeth, GSOH, genuine and Kind WLTM sincere lady to wine and dine. Please call. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 425335**

PROFESSIONAL gent, 44yrs, tall, attractive and genuine. Seeks genuine feminine lady for genuine romance. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 425333**

PIERS, 56yrs, romantic gent WLTM lady to wine, dine, spoil. I'm kind, caring, generous pls call me. Single mums welcome. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 425331**

GENUINE gentleman, family minded, kind, generous seeks lady 55-75 for wining, dining and wine and laughter. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 425329**

WIDOWER, 60s, honest, trustworthy, GSOH, likes country walks, shows, nights in, restaurants etc, WLTM a partner to share interests. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 425157**

MALE, 63, caring, easygoing, N/S seeks female 50-70 for friendship and romance. Looks unimportant. Likes occasional drink, eating in/out, cinema and driving. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418893**

CHRISTIAN male 51, seeking Christian female, 35-45 for friendship, possibly more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423747**

ANY mature women over 60 seeking adult fun - this attractive male 58 will cater for your needs, any size or status. **Text only. Mailbox: 5410860**

IAN, GSOH, 60, looking for somebody to go out with and have a good time, a good laugh, maybe things will move on, I'm young at heart so looking for younger female if possible, NSA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424357**

BIG is beautiful is larger is lovelier, Steve 58, seeking broadminded, adventurous BBW for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412031**

MALE, 64, single, n/s, likes music, films, driving, nights in, dining out, trips, WLTM lady, 50-70, looks unimportant, for friendship and relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424927**

CARING male, 55, N/S, medium build, likes meals out, music, cinema, sports, driving, seeks female, 40-60 for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 239148**

HONEST male, 60s, N/S, GSOH, car owner, seeks female, 55-70 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 416817**

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MARK 48, slim, fit, GSOH, looking for loyal partner for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424679**

CARING 55yr old male, widower, 6ft 3ins, WLTM lady, 40-55 for fun and laughter, maybe happy ever after. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424677**

MALE 57, attractive, seeks mature woman any age for close fun, married or single. **Text only Mailbox: 5410860**

BLACK male, ex-marine, 6ft1, would like to meet a lady, 30 or over, if you would like a night in or out, Birmingham area, give me a shout. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424507**

ADVENTUROUS 36-year-old male, slim, dark hair, likes music, cycling and photography, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 417235**

GENT 48, youthful outlook, likes countryside, keep fit, karaoke, seeks soul mate for fun times. N Shropshire. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408411**

RETIRED male seeking companionship maybe more. No time wasters. **Text only Mailbox: 5542315**

ITALIAN male, 46, from Oldbury, seeking female, 30-50, for friendship, possible relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424371**

MALE, 59, 5ft2, dark hair, looking for a lady, 50-60, to share the good things in life. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424759**

WIDOWER, 60s, GSOH, n/s, likes places of interest, country walks, cats and dogs, music, theatre and cinema, still looking for a lady, around 55-65, for companionship, ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424709**

ATTRACTIVE, tall, dark, professional male, 50, GSOH, easygoing, enjoys sport, socialising, good company, looking to meet attractive female for fun, adventure and take things from there. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424563**

59YR old male, likes country walks, pub lunches, seeks lady for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424685**

MALE 50 seeks mature, home loving lady, 60 plus who enjoys cosy nights in. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424683**

MARTIN trustworthy, warm hearted, loving, reliable male, 45, 6ft, medium build, young at heart, GSOH, seeks female, 50-60 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424681**

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YOUNG creative, boyish lad, 28, 5ft 8ins, dark hair, slim, smooth, likes animals, classic cars, sports, bars, travel, seeks tall, supportive older male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 387387**

YOUNG male, 25, educated, likes arts, dogs, travel, classic cars, comedy, seeks similar older male for LTR. London/Shropshire anywhere. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412463**

GAY feminine female with GSOH WLTM gay feminine females for friendship, possible relationship. **Text only. Mailbox: 5631357**

MATURE bi male, looking for younger company, fun and good times. Can accommodate. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 425127**

JONNY, 24yrs, gay curious, not sure what to do, older men pls call me and help me understand. **Text only Mailbox: 4086857**

BOYISH male, 5ft7, smooth, cultured, passive, likes arts, animals, Mediterranean lifestyle, seeks active, tall, funny man for LTR. Shropshire/London/anywhere. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424973**

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Billy Palmer, Dominic Price and Henry Hardwick celebrate success

Training in the 'progressive' and 'safe' martial art

Students go through warm up exercises at Erasmus Darwin Academy

Sean Hardwick who runs the Cannock & Burntwood Taekwondo Club

Martial arts club fighting fit for nearly 20 years

CANNOCK & Burntwood Taekwondo Club is thriving at is nears 20 years in operation. The club, which operates from schools in Cannock and Burntwood, continues to provide a hub for training world-class athletes and beginners in the martial art.

Master Sean Hardwick has been running the club since 1997, putting on sessions for children and adults of all abilities at Cannock Chase High School and Erasmus Darwin Academy in Chasetown.

Hardwick, who has trained in several disciplines for over 40 years. said: "Taekwondo is quite a progressive martial art, and it's a safe art as well."

Earned

"I run adult classes and then do classes for children as well, going from beginners to those who are going to a lot of competitions."

He added: "A lot of martial arts clubs are dying out in this day and age but I reckon there are around 150 children I teach, and around 70 adults.

"When I started out, all I wanted to do was teach adults but you get more enrichment from teaching the children – it's really big for them and you get a massive boost from seeing them do well."

Now a sixth degree black belt, Hardwick got his first taste of martial arts when he took up judo.

He earned the grade of seventh kyu and had a brief period practising karate before moving on to boxing – he stayed at Wolverhampton ABA, based at Willenhall Road until 1984.

A year prior to leaving ABA he got involved with taekwondo, and has never looked back. Judo was the first thing and it went through to taekwondo," said Hardwick. "I started taekwondo in Cannock back in 1983.

"I started competing internationally and then took the club over. When I took over, there were 17 students. It is very, very popular now.

"I am doing four lessons a night, four days a week and then it tends to be competitions over the weekend.

"I like to spread four sessions over one night and get them all there and involved. I have some assistant instructors who help me out with it all as well."

Hardwick runs sessions on four nights every week – Mondays and Wednesdays at Erasmus Darwin Academy, Pool Road, and Tuesdays and Thursdays at Cannock Chase High, Hednesford Road.

The nights are typically split into four different categories, with beginner classes for children running from 5.30 until 6.15pm.

An advanced class for children will then go until 7pm, with adults of a mixed ability then going through until 8pm. A session of extra sparring and training lasts until 8.30.

The club had a group of students find success on the big stage over the summer, with Billy Palmer, Dominic Price and Henry Hardwick – Sean's son – among those claiming medals at the TAGB World Championships.

The competition was held at the Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham and there were 3,700 competitors from more than 40 countries.

Palmer, aged 17, claimed gold medals in black belt middleweight sparring, individual and team.

Price, 11, also managed golds in yellow belt middleweight – both individual sparring – while Hardwick took silver in black belt heavyweight.

Progress

"Every single big tournament we have been at we have had world champions," said Hardwick. "The three lads who did so well at the last one have all been with me since the age of five, so I have seen them progress and work to become the top-class athletes they are now.

"Billy Palmer is 17 and we have got really high hopes for him. Of course, taekwondo is an Olympic sport so you could not rule it out – him being there one day.

"The next big competition is the British Championships at the Derby Velodrome and we have got plenty going down there and having a go."

Hardwick readily admits taekwondo is a huge part of his life and added: "My wife's a black belt, my children have black belts – it is very much a family thing."

For more information on the club, visit www.taekwondo.uk.net

SPORTING FEATURE

By Joe Edwards

"You get more enrichment from teaching the children – it's really big for them and you get a massive boost from seeing them do well."

Games off as teams are hit by big freeze

HEDNESFORD Town and Chasetown have been frustrated by the weather over the holiday period.

The Pitmen's clash with FA Cup heroes Stourbridge last Thursday was called off because of a frozen Keys Park pitch.

And, following a pitch inspection on Monday morning, undertaken by a local referee, that afternoon's game with Halesowen Town, was also postponed.

Both fixtures have yet to be rearranged. The Pitmen travel to Spennymoor this weekend.

For the Scholars, last Thursday's clash at home to Rushden & Diamonds was called off, followed by the postponement of Monday's game with Basford because of a frozen pitch. The Scholars will now entertain Rushden on Tuesday, February 28, replacing Bedworth United away, which must now be rescheduled.

No date has been rearranged for the Basford game.

The Scholars' home game with Bedworth, postponed on November 29, kicks off at 3pm on March 18.

The next two games for Craig Harris's men are away. They travel to Rugby on Saturday and Belper next Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Hednesford Town prodigy Cohen Brammall could be offered a two-year deal by Premier league giants Arsenal.

The 20-year-old was playing in the eighth tier of English football with Market Drayton Town just a year ago before joining the Pitmen.

He impressed the Gunners coaching staff during an extended trial. Now it has emerged Gunners boss Arsene Wenger is set to offer a two-year deal.

The youngster, who can play at either left-back or left midfield, was released by Crewe Alexandra as a teenager before playing for the likes of Leek Town and Newcastle Town.

Five-star Hayes put Villa to sword in holiday bonanza

Heath Hayes 5 Pelsall Villa 0

HAYES completely dominated this local derby from the start, watched by a good bank holiday crowd the day after Boxing Day.

The hosts were a goal to the good inside three minutes when Oli Haywood lashed the ball home, followed by a Brad Rolston cracker on 12 minutes.

It was 4-0 at half-time thanks to goals from James McGray and a second from Haywood.

Pelsall's former Heath Hayes goalkeeper Adam Jenkins could do nothing to keep out Rolston's second goal on 70 minutes as Hayes ended the year in emphatic fashion.

They were left frustrated on Monday, however, as a frozen pitch put paid to their tricky visit to high-flying Hinckley.

Hayes do hope to get 2017 under way when they take on Atherstone on Saturday, kick off 3pm.

Hayes are considering applications for the vacant managerial post following the departure of Simon Davies.

Monday was the closing date for applications for the role.

Phoenix on the rise to top flight

Making waves – Cannock Phoenix's swimmers

Swimming

A CANNOCK swimming club has made a big splash with back-to-back promotions.

Cannock Phoenix Swimming Club claimed the honours in the final league meet of the season at Chase Leisure Centre to add the Division Two title to the Division Three crown they won the previous year. They and will now compete in the top flight of the Staffordshire League.

Three years ago the club was struggling near the bottom of the third division. Committee member and schools liaison office Patrick Ryan said: "A lot of the success is down to our head coach Luke Thomas, but we are so family-orientated," he said. "All the coaches except Luke are parents of children that swim for the club."

Head coach Thomas said: "I am overwhelmed and so proud of the swimmers and the club."

The club, established in the 1980s, is based at Cheslyn Hay and Chase Leisure Centre and has around 300 members, some aged as young as three or four who are learning to swim

"We are the smallest club in the league," said Ryan. "But we have re-organised and have won two promotions on the trot."

GIANTKILLERS' CUP OF CHEER

FA CUP magic has always been synonymous with West Midlands football.

And on Saturday, Stourbridge will look to write another chapter in the competition's illustrious history when they travel to Adams Park to visit League Two outfit Wycombe.

Football fans throughout the region will be cheering on Gary Hackett's Glassboys, *writes Joe Masi*.

And for many it will bring back fond memories of Hednesford and Chasetown's own historic runs in the famous competition.

Back in January 2008,Chasetown became the lowest-ranked team to ever reach the third round.

An opening 4-1 victory over Midland Alliance side Oadby Town got the ball rolling and seven games later, Charlie Blakemore's side overcame Team Bath in the first round proper.

Pyramid

That win set up a lucrative tie with Staffordshire rivals Port Vale of League One – at that time 101 places above the Scholars in the league pyramid.

An equaliser from Chasetown's Mark Branch forced a replay in a 1-1 draw. Blakemore's side then went one better with Danny Smith's late winner sending them into the third round for the first time in their history.

That saw the British Gas Business Southern League Midland Division side draw Cardiff City in round three.

A total of 2,420 supporters packed into the Scholars Ground for the game, while other fans sat in trees to get a glimpse of history.

The part-timers took the lead against the Welsh giants when a cross from Ben Steane was turned into his own net by Kevin McNaughton.

Cardiff went on to win the game 3-1, largely thanks to a wonderful performance from a 17-year-old by the name of Aaron Ramsey.

Hednesford's own fairytale run came in 1996/97 when they were beaten 3-2 at the Riverside Stadium by eventual finalists, Bryan Robson's Premier League Middlesbrough.

The Pitmen had already tasted wins over league opposition in York City and Blackpool before the dream was ended.

Chasetown celebrate opening the scoring against Cardiff City in the FA Cup third round

Joe O'Connor scored twice for Hednesford at the Riverside in the fourth round of 1997

Club teeing up another shot at glory

SOUTH Staffs Golf Club will tee up for another shot at national glory in the new year.

Led by captain Ian Guest, the club battled through nine rounds of the Mail on Sunday Classic to join three other sides in the finals at the El Rompido Golf complex in Spain.

A total of 3,133 golf clubs in the UK entered and South Staffs suffered heartbreak in the shoot-out for silverware, beaten 3-2 by Consett and District Golf Club from Durham in the final.

The appearance in Spain capped a super season for South Staffs after they claimed the Midlands Scratch League title for the first time in their history. Now Guest and his fellow squad members – Richard and Tom Hewitt, John Mackie, Steve Charlton, Steve Terry and Craig Bucknall – are targeting more success next year.

"The competition starts again in February and we will definitely be entering," said Guest.

"This was the fourth time we had entered and we had never got past the second or third rounds before. We won through nine rounds to get to Spain.

"We will be trying to keep the same squad of players together who all played so well.

"It was a great achievement to reach the final, it would have been an anti-climax to have lost in the semi-final and then had to play off for third and fourth place.

"The final was a great match and we were disappointed to lose but we feel we have put South Staffs on the map."

The South Staffs line-up overcame a strong Kenwick Park team 3½-1½ to book their place in the final. Guest said: "The event was very well organised, the weather was pleasant and we were looked after."

Speedway ace in meet and greet

RETURNING Wolves legend Adam Skornicki will jet in to meet supporters at the Parrys International open day on Sunday.

Skornicki, 40, is returning to Monmore Green when the 2017 campaign gets under way. First he will fly in from Poland to meet and greet fans as team sponsors Parrys International host their annual open day at Landywood Green, in Cheslyn Hay, from 10am.

Wolves co-promoter Chris Van Straaten is pleased Skornicki will be in attendance to support their loyal sponsors. He said: "It'd be great to see plenty of people there."

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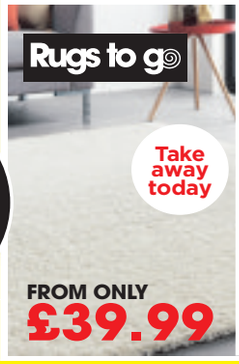

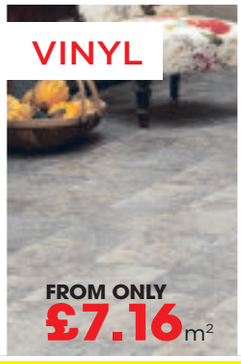

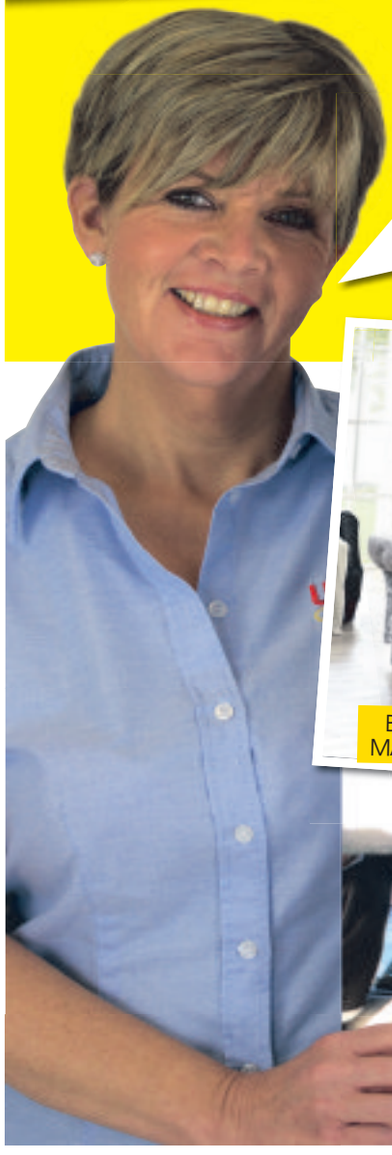

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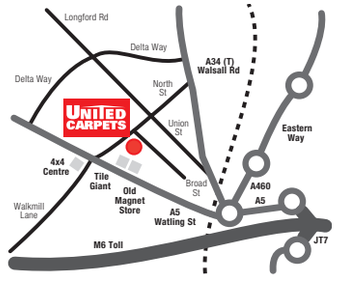
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